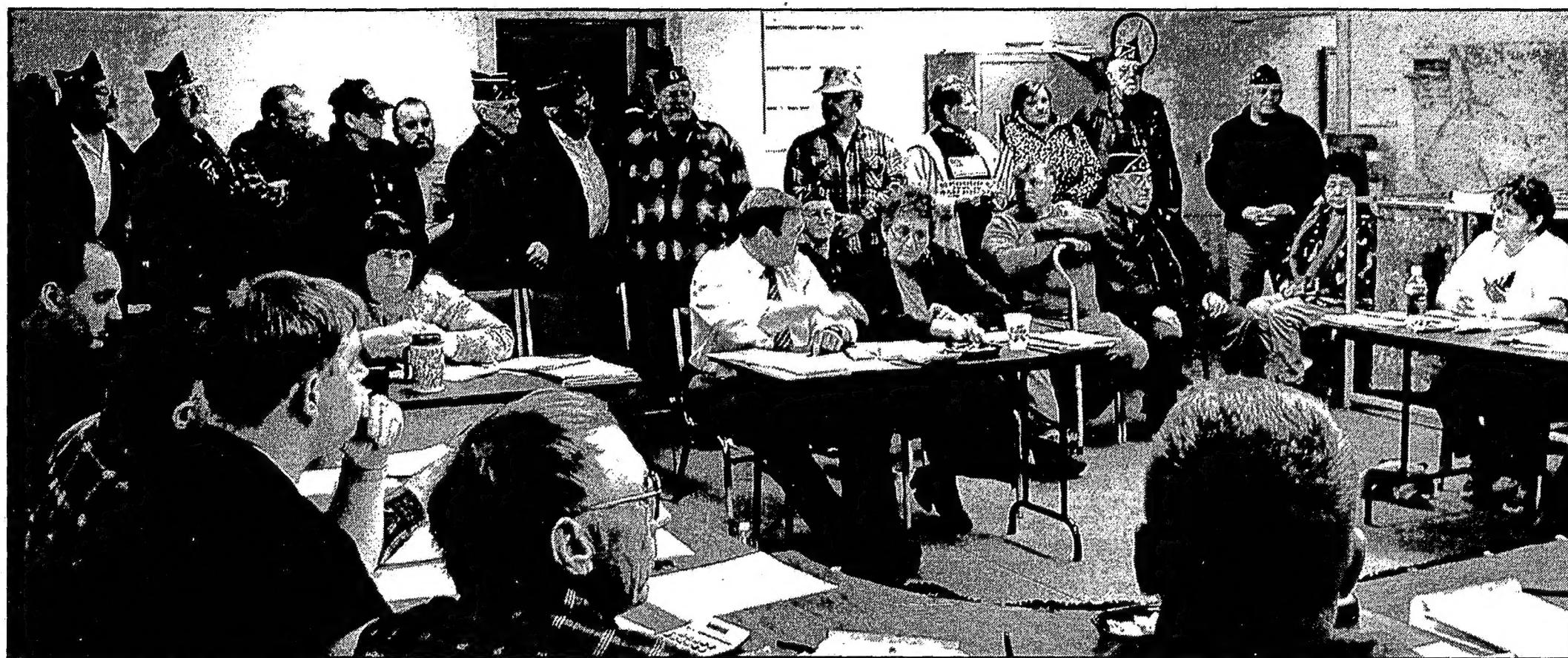


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THEY WANT IT DONE THEIR WAY—A score of Legionnaires and other supporters of the American flag (rear of room) turned out Monday at a joint meeting of the town Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. But it wasn't the budget that was on their mind — they were there to demand that the selectmen reverse an earlier decision to fly American flags on village utility poles only after President Bush declares victory in Iraq. That decision had been made after consultation last week with a smaller group of Legionnaires, who said they felt that flying the flag was celebratory, and inappropriate while lives were still at risk. "I thought we had a clear consensus," said Dutch Dresser, chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Since the question was not on

the agenda for this Monday's meeting, Dresser suggested addressing it at the end of the budget discussion or at next week's selectmen's meeting. Budget Committee member Jane Ryerson (far right) argued for putting the discussion off until those who might favor the earlier decision could be present to express their views. But the vocal crowd ("Bulls---," called out one member as Dresser attempted to explain the process leading to the earlier decision) was of one mind and showed no interest in hearing other viewpoints. They wanted it done their way. Now. After a half-hour's discussion the selectmen struck their own colors, voting first to reconsider the earlier vote, then to have the flags put up the following day. (Photo by Michael Daniels)

Bethel boards split on fire and ambulance projects

By MICHAEL DANIELS
When Bethel voters go to the polls in June's town-wide referendum they will have to sort out conflicting or nonexistent recommendations from the town selectmen and Budget Committee on two big-ticket items.
The selectmen are recommending voters approve \$1,300,000 for the design, construction and equipping of a new fire station.
The Budget Committee, however, is evenly split on the question, and as a result there will be no formal recommendation from the committee for voters to consider in June.
At a joint meeting of the committees Monday, supporters of the new station argued that the need for it is well established, and the options have been studied for several years. Francis Dumont also noted that interest rates were now historic lows.
But, countered fellow Budget Committee member Jane Ryerson,

Businesses want timeshare taxes reduced

By ALISON ALOISIO
A drawn-out debate over the taxation of timeshare units in Bethel may be headed to court. At stake is the potential loss of upwards of \$45,000 in tax revenue.
Almost 1,000 applications for tax abatements were delivered to the Town Office last week from timeshare owners who feel they are overtaxed. But with the recommendation to the Board of Assessors likely to go against granting any abatements, two timeshare resorts are ready to take legal action.
The River View and Bethel Inn both offer weeklong timeshare units for many of their condominiums. That means that in addition to owning the condominium for a specified week, the buyers also purchase — as part of the sales

price — club memberships and vacation exchange rights and services.
As a result, the total sale price

The River View has 792 timeshare owners for 11 condo units.

can be several times what the physical condo property is worth. And that higher price is what the town uses to determine taxes.
At the River View, for example, a non-timeshare condo is priced at \$64,000, according to general manager Chad McGrew. A comparable unit, used for 52 weeks of individ-

ual timeshares, totals about \$285,000.
Weekly timeshares at the River View can vary between \$4,000 and \$7,000, depending on the week for which they are purchased. The tax bill sent to each owner for a low-end timeshare is about \$67. If it had been valued according to the physical property only, the tax would have been about \$17.
Taxes are calculated on the sale price minus 10 percent, according to town officials.
The River View recently had an appraisal done on its timeshares by Goseline and Co. of Gardiner, McGrew said. The appraisal was based only on the physical property value. A timeshare valued at
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New hiking trail proving popular, but where to park?

By ALISON ALOISIO
Hikers interested in using the new 17-mile section of the Grafton Loop Trail in Grafton Notch are being encouraged to visit the trail's Web site for directions and parking instructions.
With hiking season upon us, area organizations instrumental in the creation of the trail are getting many calls about it, according to Landon Fake of Outward Bound in Newry.
When fully completed in 2005, the 42-mile Grafton Loop Trail will connect to the Appalachian Trail at two places on either side of Grafton Notch. It will also connect a series of scenic peaks, streams and woods, providing a three- to five-day semi-wilderness hike. The trail will also serve as an alternate route for AT hikers, lessening traffic on that trail.
Last fall the 17-mile section that runs from Route 26 in Newry to East Baldpate Mountain was finished and opened to the public. Fake said some people used it for snowshoeing during the winter, but with the busiest time approaching, he and other planners are anxious to have hikers park in the correct place and avoid private lands not associated with the trail.
The following directions can be viewed on the Web site at <http://www.matic.org/glt1.htm>:
"The southern trailhead is located just north of where Eddy Road meets Route 26 in Newry. Travel approximately 4.7 miles North on Route 26 from Route 2 in Newry. There is a green street sign on the left, identifying Eddy Road. Turn left here on the rough gravel road and park in the field."
"Do not park on the shoulders of Route 26. Please do not continue down Eddy Road. To get to the actual trailhead, walk along the mowed path, behind the lilac bush, through the field back to Route 26, cross the road to a blue blaze on a post in front of you."
"The trail leaves Route 26 and continues 17.1 miles to the summit of East Baldpate where it intersects with the Appalachian Trail. It is four miles from there, south on the AT back to Route 26 and the large trailhead parking lot in Grafton Notch State Park."
"The trail is a rugged, remote backcountry trail, much of it on private land. The only camping is at five designated campsites on the trail. The closest campsites from the road is five miles in, on the other side of 3,000-foot Puzzle Mountain. Please prepare accordingly."
An "official" parking lot is scheduled to be completed this year, with funding through the Maine Department of Transportation, Fake said.
The Grafton Loop Trail began eight years ago through the vision of
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Recommendations on contracting with county for police coverage are expected to be made Monday.

"Just because the rates are low doesn't mean we have to borrow."
Other opponents pointed to the overall cost of the project, and to the duplication of training, eating and sleeping facilities at the fire station and the ambulance station at the other end of Main Street.
Ambulance station
The Budget Committee was also divided on a second referendum item: \$150,000 for an upgrade of the ambulance station.
But in this case the split was five in favor, seven opposed, resulting in a recommendation against the expenditure.
The selectmen, however, are recommending voters approve the upgrade.
Selectmen Don Bennett, Reggie Brown, and Dutch Dresser voted for approval; Al Barth was opposed.
This was the same breakdown as on the fire-station vote.
Barth said he was not opposed to either project on its merits, but he
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Ski-biz prospects not looking so bleak

ASSOCIATED PRESS
The future is looking brighter for skiing, a sport once seen as facing extinction with the passing of the baby boom generation and the sale of the last expensive condominium.
"When the baby boom generation is long gone, the echo boom (children of the baby boomers) will be right there to take its place," says Vail Resorts chief Adam Aron.
Despite low or late snowfall and an economic decline, the numbers of skiers have held up in recent years, and resorts have branched into everything from ski rental shops to restaurants to get a bigger slice of the pie.
Ski companies have made billions on real estate development. But, as resorts are built out, they depend more and more on ski and snowboard operations revenue. The hundreds of millions they have spent on high-speed lifts and other mountain improvements and recent cost cutting likely will pay off when economic times improve, analysts say.
"There definitely is room to grow," says analyst Stacy Forbes, who follows the ski industry for Janco Partners.
Skiing grew dramatically as baby boomers reached adulthood. Community-based resorts that relied on rope tows became
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Telstar spring sports preview

By ALISON ALOISIO
They've faced both record heat and cold over the past few days, but Telstar spring sports teams are still hitting the fields this week to start the new season.
Softball
A pair of promising freshman pitchers and more experience on defense should add up to a more competitive year for the Telstar softball team.
Coach Jim Lunney expects the Rebels to improve on their 6-10 record of last year, which included a playoff win. But that season also included several games that ended early, by rule, because the team trailed by 12 runs.
"We shouldn't get 12-runned by anyone this year," he said.
Lunney hopes to rotate his new pitchers, freshmen Jessie Farrington and Jillian Kimball. "Both freshmen show good promise," he said.
The team lost both of last year's pitchers to graduation.
The rest of the lineup includes seniors Katy Swasey (short-stop/outfield), Lauren Hart (second base), and Kate Caddigan (catcher); juniors Krystle Gould (third base), Ashley Stambolis (left field), Santana Wilson (catcher/outfield), Megan Lunney (first base), and Mary Ann Massey (outfield); sophomores
See **SPORTS**, page 11



GREENWOOD SHED GETS IT FROM TOP AND BOTTOM
After town voters had spent several years putting away money to pay for a salt-sand shed, Greenwood officials got an ugly surprise last fall, when serious leaks were discovered in the roof of the spanking new \$265,000 building. Last month, things got even uglier — road foreman Alan Seames discovered that water was coming into the building from below as well as above. After reviewing the blueprints and engineering specifications for the project (which the town received only this month), Seames concluded that the contractor, Bancroft Contracting Corp., had left out a few items, including sufficient gravel fill under the floor and a foundation drainage system. Seames said that not having the blueprints and specs while the building was under construction left him with no leverage when he saw problems. "I'd point something out and they'd say, 'It's not in the specs,'" Seames said. "But everything is in the specs. How can you cut corners in a building like that?" The contractor has acknowledged the problems, Seames said. The road foreman told town selectmen Tuesday that company president Mark Bancroft has said: "They're very sorry and will do whatever is needed to correct the problems." Bancroft has promised to get back to the selectmen by May 1 with a plan for doing so, Seames said. (Photo by Alan Seames)

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Letters

NOT IN FAVOR OF FLAG DECISION

To the Editor:

I would like to set the record straight concerning your front-page article in the April 10 issue of The Bethel Citizen. The article stated that "the decision came not to fly the flags as a result of consultation with local legionnaires," in which I was named. I was left with the impression that I was in favor of this decision. I was not in favor of this decision by the board in any way, shape or manner. It is my opinion, and that of many legionnaires whom I have talked to, that the flags should be displayed now and for the remainder of the summer months.

The American flag is not something we should "save up" until victory is declared. The American flag is the principal symbol of our national heritage and stands for everything our troops have fought for over the past 200 years plus. Let us express our patriotism and support for the troops now and not wait until they come home. We can celebrate their return in a really big way when they finally do come home.

We should all recognize that the flags and their standards, intended for the streets in Bethel, were purchased by the taxpayers of this great town of ours. These citizens deserve the pleasure of enjoying their flags for more than just a few days out of the year. I have no doubts that the citizens of Bethel will watch over these flags and report to the town office of any discrepancies they see. I further pledge that I will report any flag that is in need of attention to the proper authorities.

God bless our great national and all its people.

Richard Farren
Commander, Post 81, Bethel

THE FLAGS SHOULD FLY

To the Editor:

To me the flag is not a symbol of celebration. It is a symbol of hope, love of country and support for our troops and all veterans. The American flag has been carried into battle since this country was founded. I don't think it was carried into battle as a celebration but as a symbol of our country and what it stands for. I say fly the flags in their honor and our country's honor every day.

Mona Grover
Mason Township

FLY THE FLAG

To the Editor:

Your front-page article in the April 10 Citizen strikes me as peculiar. We shouldn't raise the flag "while lives are still at risk"? Indeed. What time could be better than "while lives are at risk"? Old Glory has always flown when American lives were at stake, particularly in wars. Our national anthem celebrates the fact that "our flag was still there" during the British bombardment of Fort McHenry. Don't tell me lives weren't "at risk" during that bombardment. The flag has also traditionally flown in the leading elements of infantry and cavalry charges through the ages until recently.

It seems to me we never need to see the flag so much as when lives are "at risk." We never saw such a display of American flags as we have since the Sept. 11 twin towers disaster. We seem to receive consolation, a feeling of well being, and mutual support from embracing our flag when danger lurks.

The taxpayers of our fair village paid good money for flags and standards with which to mount them on the power poles around town. I think they deserve to see these flags displayed, not for just a few days when "victory" is declared (will there ever be victory over terrorism?) but for the entire summer. If some of the flags get dirty or tattered, we can buy replacements; the flags are not nearly as expensive as the mounts. If the flags are of quality materials, they should last for several summers, barring some really severe weather.

Richard Grover
Mason

BELITTLING AN EVERYDAY CITIZEN

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in regard to the article written about "The former tire dump owner." I guess I do not understand what the former tire dump has to do with drugs and guns. It seems to me that every time an article was printed about the tire dump you bring up drug and gun charges. I guess what I would like to know is what does one have to do with the other. I do not understand how you can go so far back into Peter's life and publicly humiliate and degrade his name along with his family.

However, when it comes to the Bethel Police Chief Darren Tripp, we get no information on why he is suspended with pay (talking about taxpayer money). So why is it that you can belittle an everyday citizen for charges as far back as 25 years. It seems to me that you desecrated his name by bringing up old news from years ago, which has no bearing on the current charges. Is it all because of his name? I understand what Peter has done was wrong.

However, I would like the townspeople to know that when they raided his house at 4:30 a.m. there were children being awakened by breaking glass and yelling and screaming from officers as they were instructed to belly crawl down the hall to the living room with guns and flashlights shining on them. I would also like them to know that there are four doors entering Peter's house, which were all unlocked, and they chose to smash through the sliding glass door like some kind of super hero without the cape.

Chris Cordwell
West Bethel

SUPPORT RESTORED TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

To the Editor:

Governor Baldacci's human services transportation budget cut (Citizen, April 10) will leave the elderly and children in rural areas without transportation to vital healthcare, educational and social service appointments. Governor Baldacci's \$600,000 cut in the MaineCare Transportation Budget, and the subsequent loss of \$1.2 million in matching federal funds will be the most devastating to those who live in rural areas and rely on non-profit transportation agencies to get to the more populated towns where the services exist.

In rural communities, the options are frequently limited to the regional full-service transportation providers. There is nothing else available. The logistics and cost of providing transportation in rural areas discourage private enterprise from setting up shop outside of the service areas. The cuts in the MaineCare budget create a financial strain on the nonprofit provider that will force them to pull off the road.

In Western Maine, Western Maine Transportation Services and Community Concepts Transportation provide MaineCare and Department of Human Services transportation through a network of agency vehicles, public transportation services and volunteer drivers. Both agencies have stated that the cut may cause them to close up shop. The reductions in funding will impact rides for 40,000 children, elderly and disabled Maine citizens and prevent them from accessing critical services including dialysis, child care, mental health, cancer treatments and other critical services.

A window of opportunity exists when the Legislature meets to review and approve a supplemental budget. I would encourage anyone who relies on public transportation to contact the governor or local legislator to tell them to vote to restore funding for MaineCare transportation.

Glenn Gordon
Western Maine Transportation Services

CANCER RELAY VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

To the Editor:

Volunteers for the Relay For Life events that are taking place this spring in over 3,000 communities throughout the country all share this vision: they believe that someday we all will celebrate our ability to prevail over cancer. The American Cancer Society needs volunteers — walkers and runners, cancer survivors, community leaders, team captains and hard workers — to help make this year's Relay For Life a reality in Rumford.

Relay For Life allows participants — including cancer patients, cancer survivors, corporations, civic organizations, churches and the general public — to join together in the fight against cancer and have fun at the same time. It is a team event where participants walk or run around a track relay style for 18 hours. Teams will gather at Hosmer Field in Rumford at 6 p.m. on May 30 to show their support in the fight against cancer.

There are volunteer opportunities for individuals, families, youth groups and service groups to lend their support in any way: to recruit and register teams, seek community support and underwriting, serve refreshments at the event, set up the luminaria, or maintain a water station. Interested volunteers should call the American Cancer Society at (800) 464-3102, press 3, or 364.8358. Sponsors of this year's Relay For Life include: Mead-Westvaco Corporation, Town of Rumford, Franklin Savings Bank, Carrabassett Spring Water, WBLM/WHOM/WCCY, Rumford Eagles Club, WB-51, UPN-35, and the Sun Journal.

"Relay For Life is as much an awareness raiser as it is a fundraiser," said Ray Kautzman of the American Cancer Society. "Individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting event have made a commitment to fight back against this disease and let the community know we can beat cancer!"

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

Peggy Markson
Rumford

RUNWAY CELEBRATION

To the Editor:

The Bethel Airport Authority is holding a Celebration of the Runway and Ribbon-cutting on Friday, April 25, at 2 p.m. at the Bethel Regional Airport/Colonel Dyke Field. Governor John E. Baldacci will be the featured speaker and will cut the ribbon commemorating the completion of the Runway Expansion Project. Congressman Michael Michaud will be present, and Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins have been invited. Leslie B. Otten, longtime airport supporter and advocate for the runway project, will also offer remarks. Music will be provided by the Gould Academy Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of James McLaughlin.

The ceremony will be held in the Cleary hangar with seating provided, and is open to the public.

Cathy Newell
for Bethel Airport Authority

OPERATION SHOEBOX

To the Editor:

The local branch of Norway Savings Bank is sponsoring "Operation Shoebox" to send to our troops deployed overseas. We have a flip-chart-size paper for anyone wanting to write a note to our troops and also a box to be filled with items to go to our troops.

The following items are ideas for anyone who would like to contribute to "Operation Shoebox": Baby Wipes; Baggies (ziplock); batteries — aa, d, cell; battery powered fans; beef jerky; black sunglasses (cheap); candy (heat resistant); CD's; cereal (individual serving size); chapstick; coffee — instant; coffee creamer; cold water wash (Woolite); combs/brushes; condiment packages; cotton balls; crossword puzzles; dental floss; deodorant; disposable cameras; disposable razors; dry good foods; envelopes; eye drops; feminine hygiene products; fly swatters; foot powder; Girl Scout cookies; granola bars; gum (no sticks); hand lotion; hot chocolate mix; instant oatmeal; local newspapers; magazines; mouthwash; nail clippers; nasal spray; novels; paper, pens; playing cards; pop-top cans; powdered drink mixes; powdered milk, Q-tips; ramen noodles; ravioli; sewing kits, shampoo; shoe boxes; shoe insole cushions; soap; socks; stamps; stationary sets; sunflower seeds; sunscreen; sweet tea mix; tapes; tissues (heavy duty); toilet paper; toothbrushes and toothpaste; travel games; tuna kits; twizzlers (candy); tylenol (individual packets); washcloths; waterless hand sanitizer. Items may be dropped off at the Bethel branch of Norway Savings Bank.

Jane Ryerson, Susan Driscoll, Kelly Duguay,
Stephanie Bolen, Valerie Cross
Norway Savings Bank

STAMP CLUB, ANYONE?

To the Editor:

This letter is to see if anyone in the Bethel/Greenwood area would be interested in forming an informal stamp club. I will admit I do not have any idea on how to start one. I was thinking of gathering at the Robinson House on the sun porch maybe around three in the afternoon. If anyone is interested, call me at 824-3350.

Nancy H. Mercer
Bethel

IT'S MORE THAN THE EASTER BUNNY

To the Editor:

We live in a day and age when many of the traditional values have been gradually changing. Easter is more than an Easter Bouquet. Easter is more than the Easter Bunny. Easter is more than the Easter Bonnet. Easter is more than jellybeans and Easter eggs. The real meaning of Easter is the "bare" cross and the "empty" tomb. We serve a risen and living Savior.

The Bible states in I Corinthians 15:3-4: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

Because of the truth that Jesus Christ arose victorious over sin and death and the grave, He can give us "new life and abundant life." Jesus Christ can offer us — today a home in Heaven, by accepting His offer of salvation. The only way to get into God's heaven is to place your full faith and trust in the only One who can offer new life — the One who arose from the grave.

During this Easter season, please take time to reflect on what Christ did for us on the cross, in order to offer forgiveness of sins and a way for us to enter His heaven. The Christian faith is the only faith that has a Risen and Living Savior. That is why the Bible can offer a person eternal life and a home in heaven.

At this Easter time, there is no better time to thank Him for what He has done for us and place full faith and trust in the Risen and Resurrected Redeemer and follow Him. I pray, at this Easter season, you will accept God's free offer of eternal life. That is the real meaning of Easter. For further spiritual assistance, please call 824-6865.

Rev. John D. Holliday
Bethel



FIRE ENGINE DOUSES ENGINE FIRE
A car fire on the entrance road to Bethel Park Apartments last week destroyed a vehicle driven by Roberta Hunt of Albany. Hunt was not injured. The Bethel Fire Department quickly extinguished the blaze.
(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN BROWN

10 years ago: Telstar senior Danielle Bernier received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award.

A dry kiln building at the Kendall Dowel Mill in West Bethel was destroyed by fire.

The Bethel Planning Board gave its final approval to a \$4.9 million building/renovation project at Crescent Park School.

Births: Megan Gene Anthony, Meredith Rose Cox.

Deaths: John R. Mills, Earlyn D. Crouse.

20 years ago: Mrs. Annie Crockett received the Community Service Award at a meeting of Franklin Grange in Bryant Pond.

Seven Telstar students job-shadowed at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, during the school's Career Exploration Week. Students participating were: Lauren Benson, Julie Hastings, Christine Davis, Jody Seidell, Lise Newell, Pat Cole and Pam Cole.

A group of Andover Girl Scouts visited Washington, D.C.

Gretchen Dock, native of Bethel, was named president of the New England Chapter of the Association for Media-Image, and was employed as public relations specialist at Gould Inc./Modicon Division, Andover, Mass.

Deaths: Homer S. Farnum, Bertha Mary Jodrey.

30 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Angevine, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Timberlake, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Dickey were on a trip to Spain, arranged by the Maine Municipal Association.

Telstar's top ten seniors were announced as follows: Sharon Dombkowski, valedictorian; Michael Davis, salutatorian; Ross Swain, Pamela Benson, Joan Ellen Greenleaf, Diane Meisner, Alice Pearson, Margaret Gauthier, Anita Durgin and Roger Buck.

The Town of Bethel received a \$40,000 grant and a \$225,000 loan from the Farmers Home Administration for the town's sewer project. The loan was to be repaid over a 30-year period through a bond issue.

Navy Seaman Gary E. Herrick of West Paris had completed recruit training at Orlando, Fla., and was to report to Electronic Technicians "A" School, Great Lakes, Ill.

Births: Mathew William Hamilton, Michael David Arsenault.

40 years ago: The home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Poland and five children of Woodstock was destroyed by fire with all of its contents.

Maine Governor John Reed presented a plaque to the Bell Telephone System in honor of its achievement in space satellite communication during a luncheon at the Telstar antenna site in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Vachon returned from a trip to Europe. Mr. Vachon was one of 20 American educators chosen to go to Europe as Fulbright Grantees for seminars on comparative education.

Births: Scott William Powichrowski, Bruce Gerard Perham.

Deaths: Dr. Gilbert J. Rich, Carl L. Brown, Marion V. Pashake, George Redding.

50 years ago: The Crescent Park School basketball team, coached by Charles Chapman, completed a successful seven-win, two-loss season. Comprising the team were: Dwight Haggan, Keith Bartlett, Howard Gunther, James Murphy, Richard Farren, Richard Roberts, Eldred Rolfe, Kenneth Nowlin, Robert Lord, Ronald Willard and Eugene Haggan.

Cpl. Elmer Bean Jr. was home on 30-day leave following 11 months in Korea.

Cpl. Samuel Sweetser of Bryant Pond was on his way home from Korea. In the construction engineers, he had been in the area since the fall of 1951.

The senior class of Gould Academy presented "The Moon Makes Three" as the usual senior play at the school.

Births: Carla Jane Morgan, Karen Lee Brown.

Death: Robert Lee Foster.

60 years ago: The Methodist Church was undergoing interior decorating. Renovations were underway at Bethel's Grand Trunk Railroad station. The office was relocated and waiting room enlarged.

80 years ago: M.A. Naimey opened a dry goods store in the Naimey Block. (Now the location of the Bethel Post Office.)

100 years ago: William O. and Agnes Hastings Straw bought the former Foster Homestead on Broad Street. (Now the Bethel Historical society's Robinson House.)

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Briefly

Back to the old school days

BETHEL—The SAD44 School Board Monday approved a return to a more traditional school calendar for the 2003-2004 school year. School will begin Sept. 2, the day after Labor Day, instead of several days before the Labor Day weekend. The Thanksgiving break will also return to the traditional early-out day the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. For the past several years, students had the whole week off. But with Christmas vacation following a short time later, said Supt. Dave Murphy, that left students out of school for three weeks during the six-week span. Students would get done for the summer at about the same time as usual, he said.

SAD44 directors oppose bill

BETHEL—SAD44 directors Monday passed a resolution opposing LD1344, a legislative bill that would give teachers' unions power to negotiate educational policy at the bargaining table. The Maine School Management Association is urging boards statewide to oppose the bill. Kelley Scotti, SAD44 board chair, said changes in educational policy should take place after open debate at the board level, "in the light of day," she said. Scotti said the district "naturally consults with teachers about changes. I don't think it should happen at the bargaining table." Supt. Dave Murphy agreed. "We're not saying we don't want them involved," he said. He cited a change made Monday night in next year's school calendar, on which staff had input. Murphy also said that Levi Brown, president of the Telstar Educators Association, had told him the board taking a stand opposing the bill should not be an issue for the TEA.

Students seek names of servicemen

BETHEL—Students from Telstar Middle School and Region 9 are interested in sending care packages to, or corresponding with, local members of the armed services. Families of servicepeople who attended SAD44 schools may contact Marilyn Howe at Telstar 824-2136 if they would like the serviceperson to receive mail.

Crash takes two lives

NORWAY—Two women from Stoneham have died as a result of a car crash on Route 118 Tuesday. Lilian Cash Sowersby, 78, of Stoneham (and formerly of Bethel) died shortly after the accident, which occurred when a car in which she was a passenger left the road and struck a tree near the Norway Country Club. The driver of the vehicle, Debra Brown, 42, of Fryeburg and another passenger Betsy Wilson, 71, of Stoneham were LifeFlighted to Central Maine Medical Center. Wilson died overnight. Brown was driving toward Norway when the car left the pavement and hit the tree. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Skier killed at Sugarloaf

CARRABASSETT VALLEY—A 50-year-old skier at Sugarloaf USA died after being struck from behind and sliding into a tree, authorities said. Pamela Fountain of Northeast Harbor suffered a severe head injury in the accident and died Saturday at a Bangor hospital, a family member told the Morning Sentinel of Waterville. The accident reportedly happened when a 21-year-old man from southern Maine crashed into Fountain. The collision occurred halfway down the mountain, and the momentum sent both skiers sliding into the trees, said James Costello, Sugarloaf's vice president of marketing. Witness statements indicate the man was traveling at an unsafe speed, he said, and there was no evidence alcohol was involved. The man was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington where he was treated for injuries and released Sunday.

Summer sailing schedule

GREENWOOD—The North Pond Sailing Association summer sailing schedule is as follows: July 13, North Pond, 1 p.m.; July 20, North Pond, 1 p.m.; July 26, Davista Lodge, 6 p.m. (potluck supper); July 27, North Pond, 1 p.m.; Aug. 3, Lake Christopher, 1 p.m.; Aug. 10, Indian Pond 1 p.m. (High Point Awards); Aug. 17, North Pond, 1 p.m. (rain date only). All small-boat sailors are welcome to participate in the regatta, which are informal and have no entrance fee. For more information call Blaine Mills at 875-3726.

Artists' display at SMH

NORWAY—The Stephens Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will display the artistic talents of two local artists, Jennifer A. Loomis of Greenwood and Marion Osman of North Lovell. The art and photography exhibit is available for viewing in the hospital's drawing lab and hallways from now through May 9. Loomis has concentrated extensively in the area of wildlife. Her work has been featured in such publications as Audubon Field Guide, Birds and Blooms Magazine, National Wildlife 2002 and 2003, Outdoor Photographer Magazine and Ducks Unlimited. In addition she wrote and photographed for the children's book "A Duck in a Tree," about wood ducks. Loomis has been the recipient of such awards as the Marion Vannett Ridgeway Award, the FIAP award for wildlife photography, and the Best of New England medal in New England Camera Club competition. Osman's work that is being shown at Stephens Memorial Hospital is representative of her early experimentation and her development over the past 17 years.

Bicentennial volunteers needed

GILEAD—Selectmen are looking for a dozen volunteers to serve on a planning committee for the town's 2004 Bicentennial celebration. The three selectmen will be on the panel. The first meeting of the group has been tentatively scheduled for June 7. Ideas to be considered include whether to have one large bicentennial celebration or a series of smaller events.

Board: no trail maintenance funds

MEXICO—Selectmen and the Budget Committee last week voted against a request from snowmobile and ATV clubs for trail maintenance funds. The Mexico Trailblazers and the ATV Riders clubs had each requested \$5,000. One selectman said the board had opted not to give money to several social service agencies at an earlier meeting, and needed to be consistent. The clubs' only option now is to gather signatures on a petition to get the request on the annual Town Meeting warrant.

\$10,000 raised for wish foundation

NEWRY—Sunday River Ski Resort and the Parrot Head Club of Maine teamed up last week to raise \$10,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Maine. The funds were raised throughout a weekend of Parrot Head festivities. Parrot Heads are Jimmy Buffett enthusiasts who are members of a network of clubs from around the world. Sunday River donated a portion of its lodging and tickets proceeds from the weekend, which included such events as pond skinning, the Bust 'n' Burn mogul competition, and Buffett cover bands. The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

TAA dance rescheduled

GREENWOOD—A dance originally scheduled for April 5 and sponsored by the Telstar Alumni Association has been rescheduled for April 26. The dance, featuring the band "The Suspects," will take place at the Locke Mills Legion Hall from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door, and are available at Maine Line Products in Bethel and Locke Mills (or call 875-3335). The event is BYOB, and no one under 21 will be admitted.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Wednesday, April 9

At 6:30 p.m. police received a report of a person driving recklessly around airplanes at the Bethel airport. The vehicle was seen by at least three people. It then left the airport, drove to a nearby business and the driver was reportedly very disruptive there. The vehicle then went to a Route 2 business. The operator was pointed out by a witness. The subject's face was flushed. He was carrying a case of beer, which the officer asked him to put down. The officer stated he was under arrest. The subject claimed he hadn't been driving. Daryl Crisman, 37, of Bethel was charged with OUI, disorderly conduct and possession of a firearm in a vehicle.

Friday, April 11

At 7 p.m. police charged Chantal M. Bean, 45, of Bethel with operating an unregistered motor vehicle for more than 150 days.

Saturday, April 12

At 6:57 p.m. a motorist flagged down the officer and said a car was passing whole lines of cars and operating erratically. The officer located the vehicle and spoke with both the operator and passenger about their driving habits.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of other police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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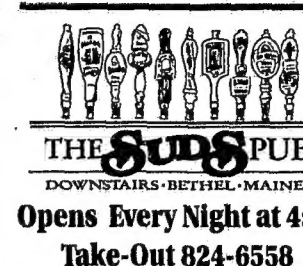


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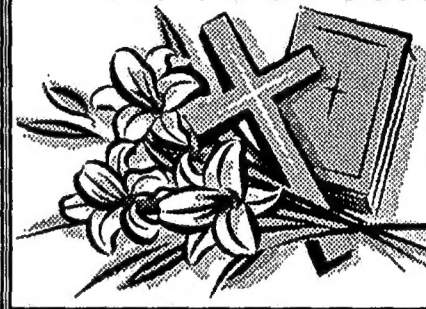
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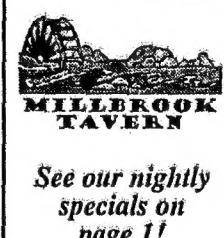
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Timeshares

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POUNDS OF TAX ABATEMENT REQUESTS
Delivering nearly 1,000 applications for tax abatements to the Bethel Town Office are (from left): Lillian Conant of the Bethel Inn, and Chad McGrew and Dawn Brackett of the River View. The town later found 164 of the River View forms were ineligible for consideration because the owners submitting them only have timeshares every other year, and this was not their year. McGrew said forms were automatically sent to all owners.

(Photo by Michael Daniels)

\$6,788 under the sale price method came in at \$1,700 from Goseline, according to McGrew.

McGrew has been arguing since 1999 that it is unfair to include timeshare services as part of the valuation.

"I get calls every day from owners wanting to know why their tax bills are so high," he said. The River View currently has 792 timeshare owners for 11 condo units.

When a River View timeshare is sold, a real estate transfer tax is paid to the Registry of Deeds. It is based on only 20 percent of the total sale price, McGrew said. The Bethel Inn pays based on 41 percent, according to Lillian Conant, vacation ownership coordinator for BI.

McGrew cites the state law for real estate transfer taxes that says the value of the property sold "does not include the amount of consideration attributable to vacation exchange rights, vacation services or club memberships or the costs associated with those rights, services or memberships."

And, argues McGrew, the same should go for calculating the town's property tax.

But town officials say if the services are included as part of the

sale price — and potentially part of a mortgage — then that is the figure to be taxed.

Wade Rainey, assessing agent for Bethel, said three sections of state law address timeshares, but overall they are not clear about a distinction between services and property tax assessment.

But he said he feels comfortable, based on the current law, in recommending the abatement requests be denied by the Board of Assessors.

Rainey also said the two resorts have not provided timeshare information requested by the town. He cites a sentence in the same section used by McGrew. It states municipal assessors may request "an itemized schedule of fees included in the sale price of a timeshare."

Rainey said that request has been made, but the resorts have not delivered. "Until someone gives a written amount," he said, the assessors can't even consider what percentage of value comes from services.

McGrew strongly disagrees, saying he has offered such numbers, but the town claims they are irrelevant. And, he said, "We haven't received any request that we haven't complied with."

McGrew also said the timeshare fees charged have not changed since 1999.

He said it is in the town's interest to reduce the timeshare taxes, because Bethel benefits from the money spent by people vacationing in the area. He said a study had shown the average family spends \$1,000 during a week's stay at a timeshare, for a yearly total of about half a million dollars.

Allen Connors, general manager at the Bethel Inn, said in addition to the higher tax for timeshare purchasers, he also objects to the fact that the inn is taxed, for as-yet-unsold timeshares, at the same rate.

"It's based on what we might get in the future" for a timeshare, he said, likening the process to the town assessing a house based on what the sale price might be down the road.

The inn currently has about 600 timeshare owners for its 16 new fairway townhouses.

Connors acknowledged that the town's timeshare taxation method is hardly unique among municipalities with timeshares. "It's not just a Bethel thing," he said.

Potential loss of tax base
Timeshares represent about \$5,300,000 million of Bethel's \$198,000,000 total tax base, according to Scott Cole, town manager. If a court decision forced the town to drop the timeshare assessment by, for example, 50 percent, Bethel could lose about \$45,000 in tax revenue.

The two resorts have hired a lawyer and are gearing up to take the question to court. The River View's governing board has voted to raise legal fees at a rate of \$50 a timeshare, McGrew said. That puts the fund at about \$30,000 so far.

"If the town wants to take it to court, we're prepared to," he said.

Budget

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feels the time has come for towns to consider regionalization of such services, rather than having individual towns continue to go it on their own.

No vote on police coverage
There were no recommendations Monday on what is likely to be the most emotionally charged of the three referendum items — whether the town should contract for police coverage with the Oxford County Sheriff's Department (thus eliminating the need for the Bethel Police Department.)

Last month Bethel Police Chief Darren Tripp was placed on administrative suspension by Town Manager Scott Cole, and the selectmen may soon have to deal with an appeal by Tripp of whatever final action Cole takes in the matter (the grounds of the suspension have not

yet been made public).
With Tripp's status clouding the situation, the two boards decided Monday to put off votes on the coverage issue until the selectmen's next meeting, on Monday, April 21.

Agreement on other expenses
Voters will deal with the three referendum questions on June 10. They will take up the remainder of the town's FY'04 municipal budget the following day, at their annual Town Meeting.

The selectmen and Budget Committee are in agreement on all the remaining budget lines, recommending a total expenditure here of \$2,345,850 (this figure does not include the cost of the fire station or ambulance barn).

This compares to a comparable figure of \$2,421,914 for FY'03, and represents a decrease of 2.8

percent (again, without the fire or ambulance station).

The two boards do disagree moderately on their recommendations for how much money should be taken from undesignated fund balance (or "surplus") to help hold down the tax rate.

The selectmen recommend \$150,000; the Budget Committee, \$200,000.

If voters opt to take \$150,000, the tax rate, currently \$16.75, would increase 26 cents, to \$17.01. If they opt instead to take \$200,000, the tax rate would increase by one cent, to \$16.76. (Both figures are approximations, based on assumptions regarding the final school and county assessment, and on gains in tax valuations. Both also assume that the fire and ambulance station projects are approved.)

Ski biz

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industrial giants that used real estate profits to build dozens of high-speed lifts.

Today the three major ski companies — Vail Resorts, Intrawest Corp. and American Skiing Co. — are publicly traded. They operate more than two dozen ski resorts from Vermont to California.

Vail, which owns five resorts in Colorado and California, earns \$7 from mountain operations for every \$1 in real estate, Aron says.

Intrawest Corp., Vail's biggest competitor, operates 10 ski resorts in Canada, Vermont, Colorado, New Jersey, California and Vermont. It relies more on real estate than Vail, and indeed has built villages at resorts run by its competitors. Intrawest recently spun off some projects to reduce debt and pursue additional development.

"We are setting the table for Intrawest's evolution to move into new leisure products and to become more management- and expertise-based and less real estate-based," says chief executive officer Joe Houssian of the Vancouver, British Columbia-based company.

Even so, "We've got more than a decade of condos to build,"

Houssian says.
In earnings reports, the publicly traded ski companies separate resort and real estate earnings. Forbes said analysts place less emphasis on real estate than ski operations because real estate is so volatile.

For the quarter that ended Jan. 31,

Vail reported lift ticket earnings were up 37 percent to \$91 million. Overall net earnings dropped 22.6 percent to \$16.8 million, due partly to the timing of real estate sales and the prospect of war, the company says.

Intrawest's earnings from ski operations rose from \$30 million in 1996 to \$108 million in 2001, before dropping to \$107 million last year. The company blamed the drop on a tourism decline that followed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Vail and Intrawest, among others, have put a lot of money in resorts recently but haven't realized the benefits because of these outside factors, Forbes says.

The decline of the Park City, Utah-based American Skiing Company is blamed partly on its over-reliance on real estate ventures (ASC was originally based in Newry). The company backed off on its expansion program and has had trouble paying bills.

American Skiing, the third-largest ski company, lost \$206.7 million for the fiscal year 2002. It operates seven resorts in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Colorado and Utah.

Trail

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Bob Stewart, a Cumberland Foreside businessman. Stewart owns about 1,400 acres north and east of Route 26. The project is now managed through a coalition of 20 partners, including private companies and nonprofit conservation organizations, as well as federal and state agencies.

The trail project is still in need of monetary donations and volunteers. Anyone interested may contact Paul Johnson at 933-4381 or Kim Marion, AMC North Country Volunteer Coordinator, at 603-466-2721 X192.

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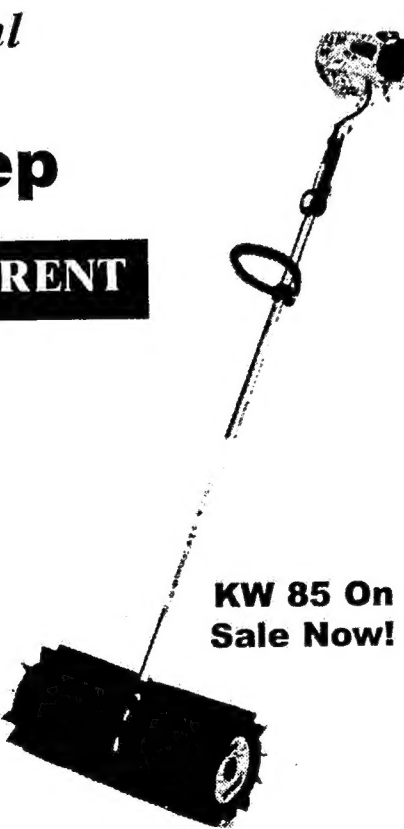
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by Virginia Keniston
Laurie Young, granddaughter of Jane Young, spent some time studying in New Zealand,

arriving home in February. She has now returned to Portland, Ore., where she will spend the summer.

Carol Nielsen has arrived home from Coco Beach, Fla., where she spent the winter months.

Tom and Marcey White, along with Barbara Douglass, will have an Open House celebrating the opening of A Prodigal Inn & Gallery, formerly The Douglass Place at 162 Mayville Road, on Saturday, April 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. Friends old and new will be welcomed.

Amy Davis attended the Hills Alive Concert on Friday at the South Paris Congregational Church. Her son, Mike, participated.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dexter of New Castle and Mrs. Jan Richardson spent the weekend with Dexter and Jan Stowell.

Alden and Mabel Kennett have arrived home after spending the winter in St. Cloud, Fla.

Ken and Gwyneth Bohr were at a family gathering over the weekend in Great Barrington, Mass. They attended the play, "West Side Story," in which their grandson, Stephen Courage, had a part.

The Red Hat ladies will meet at Briar Lea Restaurant for breakfast on Saturday, April 26 at 8:30 a.m.

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge met Friday morning, April 11, with four full tables playing a Howell Movement. Mary Leahy and Rosemarie Goodwin came in first, Nancy Farmer and Richard Allen second, and tied for third were Mil Owens and Beverly Pelletier and Carol Curran and Rowena Palmer.

Sunday River Valley



by Rockie Graham
Now that the weather is a bit warmer, I've been getting out a bit more. Tashi and I

walk almost every day after I return home. Today, Lynn, Addie and I also took a walk around Bethel town. Addie has actually gained weight and now needs to get back in shape. I do, too. It has been so windy and cold in the late afternoon that I've used that as an excuse not to ride my bike. That, too, shall come. I even made it to the Suds to hear some tunes and meet old friends.

As I write this, I am wearing gloves, because even though it was warm out, it is still cold in the house. It is that time of year when it can be colder in than out, especially in this house where there is little exposure to sun. I've lit a fire in the stove and soon it will be warm. At least, that is the theory. It's hard to believe that this weekend was so beautiful. I got to spend all day, both days outside at the "transfer station." It was some busy. I guess everyone took advantage of the warm weather and sun and cleaned out garages, cellars and barns and brought it all to the transfer station. By Sunday afternoon, every container was full, including two full cardboard containers and one one-half to three-quarters full. Thanks, everyone, for all the recycling. Hope everyone enjoyed all the new signage. Notice the magnets on the aluminum container so people can find out if the cans are aluminum or tin — tin sticks to the magnets.

Ed and Julie have returned to the Valley. I saw Ed the other day (no pun intended) at the transfer station. I haven't been to see Julie, yet, but I will soon. I'm sure I'll have a day off this weekend. I just

worked eight days straight and am a little loopy — see Tylenol below.

Today, I did that dreaded yearly task — the mammogram. You guys don't know what you're missing. I had an ode on my refrigerator about it, but it got tossed. It is amazing that someone could invent a torture instrument like that and make money. What's worse, we're supposed to not complain about it. I took so much Tylenol before I went that I almost fell asleep at the wheel, and it still hurt.

Next Thursday, the 24th, is our next poetry reading. Bethel Area Poets will meet at 7 p.m. at my house. All are welcome. Please come and bring some new poems in honor of National Poetry Month — April. If directions are needed, give a call.

Hard to believe it, but my e-mail seems to be back on track. Hope to hear from you all, again. I still don't check it too often, but it is there and costs less than a phone call, usually. Hope you all got your taxes done; I finally did mine.

Have a great week. Enjoy the impending warmth and sunshine and don't get bothered by rain. It grows our flowers. Getting ready to start those plants in my greenhouse, soon. Will let you know how they are growing.

Gilead



by Elise Caswell
April here in the western mountains is certainly taxing. One minute, the cold, hard edge

of winter is holding on with icy fingers and the snow is as fast as a

day in January. Where is that layer I left behind? The next minute my face is burned. I'm fighting for an edge on the slick, exposed under crust on a peak only to be thrown by a sudden pile of mashed potatoes closer to the base. The Last Tango between winter and spring is more dramatic and full of surprises than a soap opera. I am perched between the delights of long, chilly days of spring skiing and poised for the call to ready the garden. I have no control over my daily plans. The thermometer changes the rules. I never seem to know what to wear. One day I'm too hot so I dress light the next day and freeze my buns off. Winter's stiff formal waltz suddenly takes on a Caribbean beat and twirls spring around full face to the sun. It all leaves me breathless with anticipation and excitement.

A pair of Eastern Bluebirds has been checking into our available real estate. First she goes in to check the accommodations while he watches from the maple tree. Then he pops in for a quick look before both chat about it on the roof of the house. As is always the case with prime real estate, as soon as one couple shows an interest, there is another couple on their heels to increase its value — this time, a pair of sparrows. We sit on the porch rooting for the bluebirds. They are so bright and blue and early to arrive. It's no wonder they're associated with happiness.

Meanwhile, the maple sap has been flowing well. Stephen pulled the taps on Saturday morning after he said, "If a maple tree dreamed of humans, they would look like vampire bats. They drink the blood but don't kill the host." The syrup is exceptionally sweet this year and we are happy with our seven to eight gallon haul. I'm trying not to

see myself as a vampire bat, combating that image with heartfelt gratitude and a real appreciation of trees in my life. I wonder why the syrup is so sweet this year. Could it be because it had to reach deeper than ever for moisture during the extraordinary cold? We are one-third through our last boil of the season. As the golden jars line up on the pantry shelf, we are both aware of a satisfaction we never felt in Massachusetts. The long hours of boiling have brought us together to simply sit. As the sweet syrup is rendered, we are counting the ways our lives have changed since we moved here in 2000. The wonder of maple syrup season is how it brings us together after a long winter following our own flow.

Our chickens have figured out how to free range at will. I'm not sure who the smart one is but all followed the call to roam in the sun. I've been lulled into a sleepy contentment what with the boil and the bluebirds and the daily arrivals of signs of spring. My sense of peace and trust in the daily rhythm woke with a start in the middle of the night. I had forgotten to close the chicken's pen house door. I guess I shouldn't have been so surprised to find our six hens had become five overnight. I'm 100 percent responsible. Me. The one who feeds the animals and tends the plants. I'll bet my money on a fox — or maybe on the bobcat that nabbed the neighbor's cat in broad daylight in the barn a few weeks ago. Cold murder — warm meal. It's a dance of life. Today on the way home from Telstar, I passed a road-killed red fox. A sad sigh. Oh but the vultures were happily munching away. That's life...and death.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer
Roger and Louise Twitchell attended the Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting at the American Legion in Gorham, N.H., on April 9.

Florence Hastings had about 30 people at her home to celebrate Ann Morton's birthday on April 13. Roger and Louise Twitchell attended Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dunham's 25th wedding anniversary at the Locke Mills Town Hall on April 13.

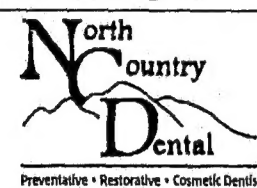
Alder River Grange had a regular meeting on April 11 at the Grange Hall. There were eight members present. We had talked for six months about raising dues because of the big increase in State Grange dues. It was approved to raise the yearly dues to \$15 for each member. The new supper schedule was made up as follows: June 28 — baked beans and hot dogs with salads and slaw; July 19 — cold cuts and cold salads; Aug. 16 — chicken BBQ and yard sale; Sept. 6 — either a fish chowda or an oyster stew; Sept. 27 — roast beef supper with mashed potatoes and veggies; Oct. 18 — oyster stew or fish chowda; Oct. 25 — harvest supper; Nov. 1 — turkey supper with a free supper to any veteran. The stew and/or chowda are something that we want to try for this fall. If people like them, we may continue it for next year. All the suppers will have baked beans. The dates for this schedule may change.

A tom turkey was by on the 11th in the morning trying to call a hen.

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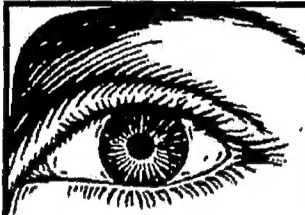
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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

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I had an interesting conversation with my daughter the other day. It all started with a discussion about the war in Iraq and Homeland Security here in the United States.

I said that aspects of the current events reminded me somewhat of the Cold War and the Duck and Cover Drills of my younger days.

Renee looked at me as if I had spoken a foreign language. "The Cold War, where was that? The Arctic? Duck and Cover drills, what on earth are you talking about?"

Sometimes I forget that there is a 26-year age difference between us and then I will make some "Old Geezer" statement such as Duck and Cover and the generation gap hits homes.

I responded the way most of us "Old Geezers" do when trying to explain a bit of history to the innocent young: "When I was a kid," I said and to which Renee rolled her eyes knowing this explanation might take a while, "The United States and the Soviet Union were not the best of friends."

"Soviet Union, isn't that Russia?" she asked.

"Yes," I said. "And both countries knew that each one had nuclear capabilities and were kind of at a Mexican standoff. But we had to be prepared in the event that the standoff was broken. So we had air-raids and Duck and Cover drills which meant in school during air-raids we ducked under our desks in a crouching position and covered our heads with our arms."

"Oh," said Renee. "I can't see how that would offer much protection in the event of a nuclear attack. I think you all would have been toast no matter what."

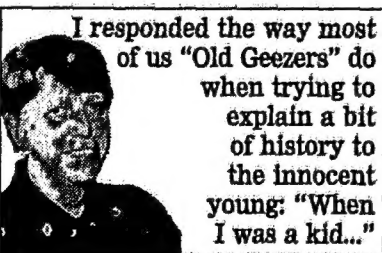
"You're probably right," said I. "But, we did as we were told back in those days, (more eye

rolling). We also had fallout shelters if we could get to them."

It then became obvious that Renee had learned all she cared to about the Cold War, Duck and Cover drills and fallout shelters. She changed the subject to cars and the fact that she needed to find a good used one.

We talked about some of the features she would like to have on a car and I said I wished that cars still had drip deflectors and side vent windows.

"There you go again, talking about something that I don't have a clue about," said Renee.



I responded the way most of us "Old Geezers" do when trying to explain a bit of history to the innocent young: "When I was a kid..."

"Well," said I. "When I was a kid cars had some great features that they just don't have any more." Drip deflectors or drip edges ran along the edge of the car roof above the windows and deflected the rain so it didn't come into the car when you opened the window. Plus cars had a little side vent window so you could let a little air in the car without rolling the window down."

In spite of the rolling eyes I detected that Renee had some interest in this "when I was a kid" rambling.

"I've seen some pick-up trucks with side windows and you're right, I think they're a good idea," she offered. "I've seen running boards on some trucks and SUV's too. Aren't they a relic from the old days too?"

"Yes, the very old days of my youth," I said. "And it wasn't all that many years ago when the dimmer switch was on the floor; it was a button to the left and you just tapped on it with your

left foot to dim the headlights."

"You mean it wasn't on the steering column?" she asked.

"No, it was on the floor and I don't think it changed until the early 70's, so it wasn't all that long ago."

"Mom, I was born in the early 70's; it really wasn't all that long ago." She responded rolling her eyes once again. "Next you're going to tell me how you had to take your clothes down to the creek and wash them by banging them on the rocks."

"No, Renee, don't be ridiculous; when I was a kid we had a wringer washing machine and a rinse tub." I informed her. "We also had curtain stretchers and pant stretchers and those were pretty darn handy items to have."

I went on to explain that even though we have many convenient things that make our lives a little easier, there were some things from when I was a kid that were extremely useful and still would be if only we still had access to them.

Our conversation was interrupted by the appearance of my grandson Reese, Renee's seven year old who had been rummaging around in my attic. He had a game that belonged to Renee when she was just about his age.

"Mom, what's this?" he asked.

She looked it over and broke out in a big wide grin. "Well Reese, when I was a kid we didn't have video games, but we had games like this which is Tiddly Winks." Reese rolled his eyes.

No matter how many advances we make as time goes on, the way I see it, there are some things that were just better when we were all kids.

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ANSWERS — Back page

I am glad the P.O.W.s were found on the 13th. Have a nice week.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

The Rumford Point Community Athletic Association had signups for the summer baseball program last Tuesday at the Hanover Town Office. The Hanover Planning Board met

Wednesday, April 9. Attending the meeting was newly appointed CEO, John Gauthier. A building permit for a shed at Howard Pond was issued. There was a get-acquainted session that will likely be continued to their next meeting, on May 7 at the town office at 7 p.m.

The Hanover Selectboard will meet on Monday, April 21, to conduct business for the month. The meeting is at the town office at 5 p.m.

As of last Friday, eight of the Comprehensive Plan questionnaires had been returned. One hundred-eight had been sent out and, hope-

fully, the return rate will pick up some. Nonresidents will also receive the questionnaire. One old fellow said he had thrown his into the stove. He took another one to fill out and return.

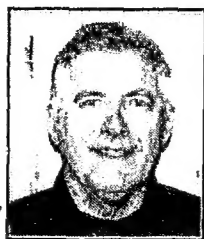
Recently, a moose wandered across the lawn at the town office then stopped traffic on Route 2 before disappearing into Hanover Swamp.

The Cabot Lodge Knights of Pythias Bowling Team from Andover, consisting of Orville Meisner, Freeman and Keith Farrington, Craig Turner and Clem Worcester, was in Brewer last Sunday for the Grand Chancellors Bowling Tour-

nament. They proudly reported taking third place. Following the bowling, the teams went to Miller's in Bangor for awards and lunch.

Herb and Dottie Adams have returned home following a winter trip to Germany.

Mason Township



by Richard Grover

Last week was another busy one for us, with trips to Bangor, Portland and Waterville on

CAP and American Legion business. We capped it off, going to a 3rd birthday party for Mona's great-grandson, Boston, on Sunday evening. It's always fun to watch a young child with presents to open. Of course, he wanted to open the big boxes first, but mother insisted that he open the smaller packages with "just clothes" first. Boston was a good sport, and dutifully thanked the givers of all the gifts, but he really got enthused over the big Tonka trucks, loaders, etc. Time enough for the books later.

In other news, the local Legion members got fired up about last week's front-page article in The Citizen, which stated the town would wait until "victory" was declared in Iraq before putting up the flags on the street poles along Main, Church and Railroad streets. After a meeting at the Mundt-Allen Post on Friday evening, a group of about 20 members "crashed" the town selectmen and budget committee meeting on Monday evening. When the dust settled, Town Manager Scott Cole agreed to have town crews start putting flags up on the poles Tuesday morning. With that, the legionnaires left the committee to their scheduled agenda.

My thought for the week comes from "Bits and Pieces" and is quoted from A.P. Couthey. "To get

profit without risk, experience without danger, and reward without work is as impossible as it is to live without being born."

North Newry



by Gil Seeley

Well, what do you know. We had snow the week of April Fool's Day. Mother Nature sure fooled us. Does that mean we will have snow in August? We had some in August years ago. I remember I had company from Rhode Island in August and we were taking a ride toward Upton and it started to snow. My company said, "You can expect anything when you are in Maine." And they were right. "A snake on the porch, a mouse in the house, moose, deer, bear and wild turkey in the yard. When in Maine, expect the unexpected."

Polly and Kevin of the Mahosuc Guide Service celebrated their birthdays at Karlene and Ras Bachelder's home, one day last week, with a feast, cake and ice cream. "Heaven give you many, many merry days and more." I also was there to enjoy, and Emily Beers, too.

The Newry Mothers Club will hold an Easter Egg Hunt and party at the Newry Grange at 2 p.m. on April 20. Bring your own baskets.

Retta Berry had a great trip to Florida where she visited with her daughter, Mandy, in Boca Raton and several family and friends in Daytona.

John and Nancy Wight have returned home from a week and a half visiting with Denny and Rita Wilson in Chuluota, Fla. While in Florida they visited with family and friends in Daytona and Jacksonville.

Jason and Sarah Berry returned

home Saturday after spending time with his sister, Mandy, in Boca Raton, Fla., and visiting family and friends in Daytona. They also spent a night with Tony Buker in Carolina.

All the Florida visitors had a great time.

Andover



by Joan Stinson Carney

As many of you already know, the hours at the town office have been changed. Well

before you get too comfortable with the changes, they have been changed again. As of now, the hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday from 1 to 6 p.m. To put it simply, we are now open Monday and closed on Friday. Opened an hour earlier and closed one hour earlier. Wednesday hours stay the same.

If anyone has an American flag they would like to donate to the town, we sure could use it. For a while we had a lot of donations, but now it seems we could use more. Some people donate them in memory of a loved one, and that's really nice. You can call the town office if you have one and we will be glad to come and get it.

I can't believe that this Sunday is Easter. It seems late this year, but then with the way Old Man Winter has hung on, this is probably a good thing. I remember when it was one of the highlights of my year to have a new outfit to wear on Easter Sunday. I can't imagine how my mother and father did it. My mind boggles just thinking about having to buy eight new outfits at a time, not to mention the Easter Bunny treats, too. Anyway, have a lovely Easter, and remember chocolate really is good for you. I saw on TV where those yucky marshmallow chickens are fifty years old this year. I can't believe people really eat those things, but it takes all kinds I guess.

Chet Gammon is in the hospital; I'm not sure which hospital, but a card would be nice.

Mills Market will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, at 9 a.m.

The Book of the Week is "The Only Good Lawyer," by author Jeremiah Healey. Mr. Healey is a law professor at New England Law School in Boston, which by coincidence is the school my son, Brian, attends. But, in spite of that, this is really a good book. It really pains me that I can't tell lawyer jokes anymore. Brian graduates on May 23 — thank heavens — it's been a very long three years. You do know

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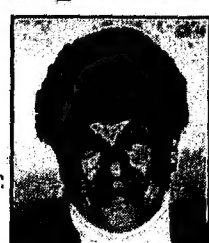
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the quote that the title of the book comes from don't you? The only good lawyer is a dead one. Sorry, Brian, just had to do it. See 'ya.

Upton



by Eleanor LeComte

It was a beautiful weekend with clear, blue skies, a bit nippy but a very welcome relief after the cold weather of the past month. The ice is still on the lake but the river channel is opening up. It's anybody's guess when it will be "ice out." We are all very impatient for this to happen. Right now, water in the lake is at an all-time low, with the ice clinging to the bottom of the cove. A good rain would be a blessing.

The war in Iraq is really not that far from Upton. Sunday morning, Al Gagnon received a phone call from his grandson, Christian Clenk who is a tank maintenance man in the Army in Baghdad. The message was garbled, but Al knew who was on the line. Christian has a wife and three children in Germany. We wish him the very best and hope he will be united with his family soon.

The "Snowbirds" from Lake Wales, Fla., are back in Upton. Ginny and Buster arrived home on Saturday. Both are tanned and healthy looking. It took about 24 hours for Buster to make his rounds delivering fresh-dug parsnips to the neighbors. The next "Green Grocer" to arrive was Lionel Roy with some baby carrots that had wintered over in his garden. My chives are up and are very nice on a baked potato. There is something special about the first garden produce to arrive.

Several people were out raking over the weekend. Most had to rake around the snow which still covers quite a bit of the grass.

There was a washout at the bottom of Back Street on Sunday. Roger Lavalley miraculously found a stash of gravel and repaired the break within an hour.

Chris Adams is painting the interior of the town office. Larry Lavalley has built a cabinet to contain the many brochures and pamphlets that are received at the town office. Thank you to Larry, who presented it as a gift.

The robins are really here. Several people have seen them. There are two turkeys at the Public Landing in Cambridge. A kestrel was seen at its usual roosting place on the way to Errol. The Canada geese have not arrived. They are two weeks late. A dozen ducks were seen by the Nelsons. The ducks were swimming in a watery spot on top of the ice.

While I was raking on Sunday, I had several folks ride by, stop and pass the time of day. Sylvia and Bill Wight were out for a spring airing. Donald Scott dropped by and he showed me several old pictures. One was of the Lake House with True and Mable Durkee sitting on the porch. Donald found this picture at a yard sale in western Massachusetts. He had it enlarged and it is a real keepsake. The other picture was of Elsie Douglass, her sister and sister-in-law. They were

all young women posing with a black and white cow, Mary Douglas Davis is the little girl in the background. Donald has an eye for "picking" interesting objects.

The deer are still with us. We wish they would return to the woods because all those little green shoots will be scoffed up.

Our best wishes to the family of Tim Aguilar. Tim is quite ill in Stephens Memorial Hospital. Grandparents Sue and Dick Angevine are naturally very concerned about him. Send a card to Tim. He is in room 123D. Tim is only 12 years old.

The "Bird of the Week" is the Snow Bunting. Two were seen on the Taylor's roof. The other "Birds of the Week" are the "Snowbirds," Ginny and Buster Williamson.

Locke Mills

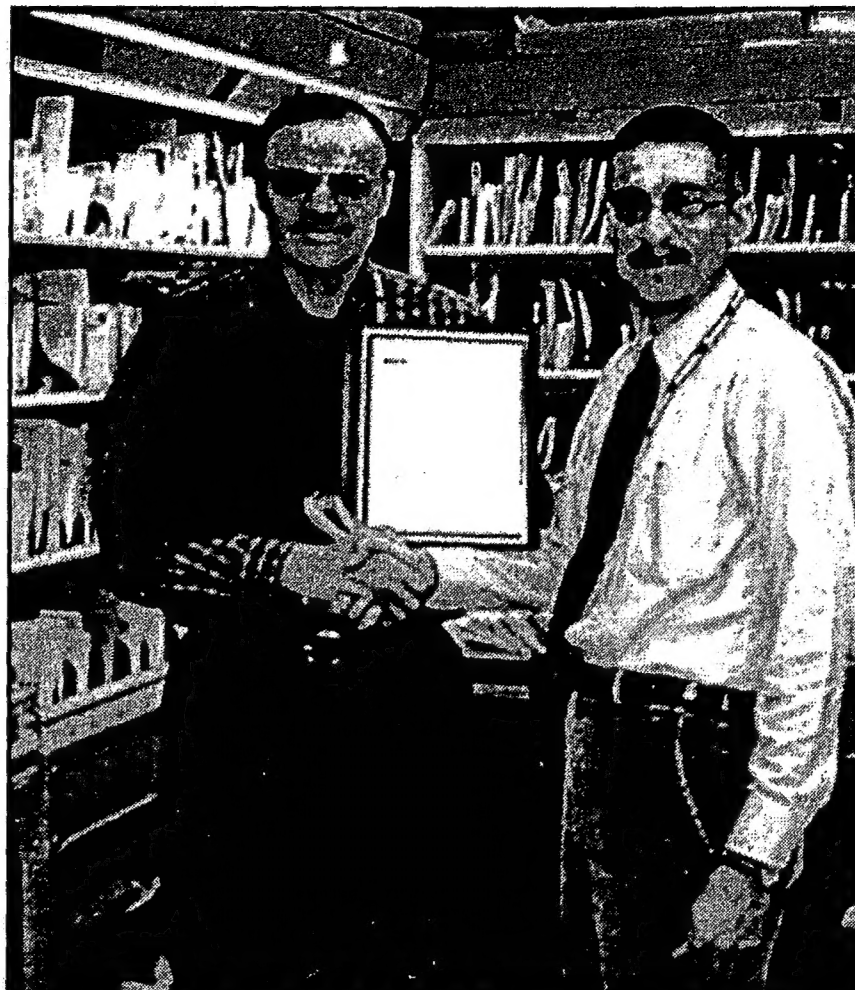


by Lorraine Larson

I don't care much for Daylight Savings Time as I've no doubt said before. I find it difficult to adjust to it. But, to my amazement, Jazz-Poochie does not find it difficult at all. Just how do dogs know the time has changed? I figured the other night that the dogs would stop expecting their food at nine o'clock and would wait until ten. Now I cannot hear them when I am in the living room, but they certainly made their wants known to Ralph who had gone upstairs. After about three-quarters of an hour listening to them he came downstairs to see if I had expired or what. I was happily listening to "An American Experience" on TV while Ralph, and no doubt the rest of the neighborhood, was living his own American experience and not much liking it. Needless to say, the dogs will get fed earlier. Nine o'clock means nine o'clock to them even if ten o'clock means nine o'clock to me. I sure wish I knew how they do it.

Ann Fitzmorris and I were in Norway Monday doing some shopping. Ann didn't do as much shopping as usual, so we got home earlier, and it was a good thing we did because I had a drop in blood sugar after I got home. Diabetes is such a weird disease. I can go for weeks and it will stay very even and then one day down it will go and I can't see that I've eaten less than usual. I am supposed to test at 4 p.m. and I will for quite a while and it stays pretty consistent and so I will get lazy and not do it for a while until I get a drop and then I get more careful for a while. It is such a terrible feeling that no one wants it to happen and even though you know what is happening it is difficult to get the food you need because everything solid in you turns to liquid and you feel shaky and confused. It is definitely a disease to avoid if at all possible.

I got a chance to go to lunch with Debbie Brown and June Roy, Tuesday. They are going to Rhode Island this week to attend a Worship conference and I am sure they will have a great time. This is Debbie's fifth year attending, and she has always come back very happy (wired) and with many new songs



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Greenwood City



by Rena Curtis

Another week has gone by with not too much going on. Brad and Ann Payne were up to the Bethel Inn Friday night. Brad visited his mother, Cora Payne, at South Paris. He also visited his Aunt Barbara Paradis at Oxford. Ann had dinner, Sunday, with her folks, Fay and Leonas Holt. Ann went to church and also down to see her Aunt Colista.

Carl Curtis was up and had coffee with me over the weekend.

Albert and Marie Curtis have been here several times helping do different things around here that I can't do. Everything they do is appreciated.

My son-in-law, Stephen Cogswell of Freeport, made a surprise visit on me Wednesday. I'm always glad to see him. I know he has a lonesome life now.

I understand that Raymond W. Seames' wife passed on. My condolences go to him and his family.

It sure hates to warm up. The cold is hanging on late this year.

Here's a good saying, "Slow down and enjoy life. It's not only the scenery you miss by going too fast, you also miss the sense of where you are going and why."

That's it for this week. Have a safe and happy week.

South Woodstock



by Andrea Wing

I'm so sorry I skipped over Emma Davis' birthday a couple of weeks ago. Emma is a very cute 10-year-old who lives in Bethel with her mother and father, Vernon and Tammy Davis. Her grandfather thinks she's very special and called and told me I forgot her. I hope she had a very happy birthday on April 1. Emma is my great-great niece.

Sunday, a good crowd of friends and relatives attended a baby shower for Megan Mack of South Woodstock. Megan received many nice and useful gifts for her baby-to-be. Refreshments were served and also a shower cake decorated for the occasion. It was given by her great-aunts, Rosalie Poland, Beverly Dayton and Sandra Poland.

to try out.

I hope all you parents out there will impress on your children and even remind yourselves, if necessary, that the ice is thin out there and to stay off it. I almost had a heart attack the other day to see a young person not five feet from the running channel near the boat dock jumping up and down on the ice. Thankfully, it held but I'm glad he wasn't any nearer the open water. I remember all too clearly when we lost some young people in that channel, albeit behind the store, and I don't want it happening again. Of course with any luck the ice will be out by the time you read this, but I wouldn't hold my breath.

I was so sorry to hear this morning about the death of Shirley Seames after a long fight against cancer. I am sure the town joins me in offering her family our sincerest sympathy. Shirley was a person that will be missed by a lot of the people and the world diminished by her absence. She was truly one of God's own children.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday, April 7, for Youth and Junior meeting, with 16 present. Special guests were: as master, Vicki Huff, youth director for the state; as Ceres, Billi Jo

Fuller, secretary of the Youth Grange; and as steward, Haven Nelson, overseer of the Youth Grange. Olive Risko read ways the Grange could maybe interest new members by more community involvement. Ways to make money were discussed. It was decided to have a variety show in May. Also, the Grange will put on the May senior citizens' dinner. The program went as follows: opening thought, Bertha DeHaas; opening song, "April Showers"; state co-youth director, Vicki Huff, spoke briefly about upcoming events of the Youth Grange; song, "Easter Parade"; safety tips by Bertha; reading by Billi Jo Fuller on spring; song, "When You Were A Tulip"; safety tips by Bertha; reading, "Easter Bells"; music by Dot Canwell for mystery march; closing thought, Bertha DeHaas; closing song, "Let There Be Peace on Earth by All" with Vicki Huff singing it. Refreshments were served after the meeting. Next meeting is April 21. This is a public meeting for Community Service Night. It starts at 7 p.m.

Services at the Bryant Pond Baptist Church are Sunday School Fellowship at 8:55 a.m., Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5:15 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting and kids time. Friday, April 18, is a Good Friday service at 6:30 p.m. with the Rev. Ernest Bolio speaking. After the service, there will be a fellowship

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Megan's 90-year-old great-grandmother, Claribel Poland, came to enjoy the day.

Beverly Dayton has been visiting with her mother and the rest of the family for a few days. She has now returned to Georgia.

Much sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Shirley Morgan Seames, who died recently.

Carol Corriveau has been helping me with spring cleaning. We are almost done. I like to get it done early so I can enjoy the spring and summer.

The weather lately makes us think spring is never going to be here. Soon we'll be talking about the hot weather and how we wish it would cool off.

My brother, Gerald Poland's birth date was April 10. Gerald died in World War II in the Battle of the Bulge. After all these years, I still think of him, especially on his birthday. I hate to think of all the soldiers that have died that will be remembered for many, many years on their birthdays and every day.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that the price tag on a new garment

is more securely attached than the buttons."

West Paris



by Bertha DeHaas

Linda and Paul Carey observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March

22, at a party hosted by their daughter, Toni, with help from Margaret Holden, Andrea and Donnie Hoyt and Sally McFarlane at the Foster-Carroll American Legion Hall in South Paris. There were light refreshments and a beautiful 25th anniversary cake, which was made by Lindell Field, a friend of the family. About 50 were in attendance. They were married on March 25, 1978 at the home of Sally and Rick May on Allan Hill in Oxford. Linda is the daughter of James and Patricia Blaquiere of Oxford and graduated from Telstar High School. Paul is the son of the late Charles and Hazel Carey of Bryant Pond and graduated from Woodstock High School in 1966. They have one daughter, Toni, and reside on Old County Road in Bryant Pond. Friends came from as far away as Portsmouth, N.H., for the anniversary party. A good time was

had by all. Congratulations, Linda and Paul. Photos were supplied by Audrey Banks of the Oxford Hills Camera Club.

West Paris Grange 298 met at their hall on Thursday, April 3, and went in a group on a mystery march to West Minot Grange, where they enjoyed a program and refreshments.

On Saturday, April 5, West Paris Grange 298 was the scene of a 50th anniversary party for one of their members, Mary Lovejoy, and husband, Leonard (whom we all call Archie). The party was hosted by their three children, Franklin, Hope and Faith Lovejoy, assisted by Matthew Shepard and Gary Hauger. They served a most delicious buffet luncheon followed by a beautiful 50th anniversary cake made by Cynthia McDonald and Anita Brown of Greene. A great time was had by all. Mary and Leonard were married April 4, 1953 at the West Paris Universalist Church parsonage by the Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes. Mary is the daughter of Impi (McKeen) Mack and the late Elias McKen Sr. and stepfather Raymond Mack of West Paris. Leonard is the son of the late Mary and Archie Lovejoy Jr. of Bethel. They reside on High Street, West Paris. Congratulations, Mary and Leonard.

The Easter Cantata will be put on by the Community Choir under the direction of Mrs. Mary Standard, and the pianist will be Mrs. Maurice Veatch, both of the West Paris Baptist Church. The first production of the Easter Cantata will be Palm Sunday afternoon, April 13, at 2 p.m. at the West Paris Baptist Church. The second performance will be at the Assembly of God Church on Coldwater Brook Road in Oxford on Easter evening, Sunday, April 20, at 6 p.m.

Come on out and be a part of our Easter celebration 2003.

Easter Sunrise Service will be at the North Paris Federated Church at 7 a.m., followed by breakfast at the West Paris Baptist Church at 8 a.m.

North Paris Federated Church Easter Service will be at 8 a.m., West Paris Baptist Church at 9:15 a.m. and Sunday School will be at 10:15 a.m. No evening service.

The West Paris Mission Congregational Church will host the East Sumner Congregational Church, North Paris Federated Church and the West Paris Baptist Church for the special Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service will be observed at the East Sumner Church at 6 a.m., followed by breakfast at 7 a.m. and the Easter Service at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 20.

The West Paris Easter Service will be at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 20.

There will be a Diane Muise concert at the West Paris Baptist Church on Friday, April 25, at 7 p.m. Come out and hear this wonderful lady sing. It will truly bless you.

The West Paris Grange 298 Craft Fair will be May 10 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the hall on Church Street, West Paris. Crafts, whatnots and food. Luncheon at noon. Table rent \$5. For tables call 674-3872.

On April 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. West Paris Grange 298 will host an Open House to celebrate Arlene Farr's 99th birthday.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

Sunny and warm at last. It is so convenient to go out without jacket and mittens and

boots. A few of the crocuses are peeking out of the dead leaves, so it is time to gently rake them off.

Easter Sunday starts early for the West Paris Universalist Church. The sunrise service will be at the top of High Street on Perham Road at Ray Brown's at 6 a.m. The Easter breakfast will follow at the church. All are welcome. At 9 a.m., the Rev. Joy Gasta will have as her sermon topic, "Where is the Road to Emmaus Today?" That road was where some of Jesus' disciples saw Him, a few days after they had seen Him crucified. How is that little town today? The organist is Jim Burke.

Vernon and Miriam Inman have returned from Florida. There is still snow around the buildings and at the roadside, so Vernon can play around with it, for he has missed all that pleasure for a few months.

Joseph and Peg Perham returned last week from their few weeks in Florida. They enjoyed the warmer weather and did not miss the snow at all.

Milton and Eleanor Inman are again at home in Greenwood City after spending the winter in Florida. Is the ice out yet?

Spring must be near, for most of the Maine citizens are back North. Those of us who stayed home have missed them and are glad to welcome them back.

Karen Waterhouse and Derrie

Morrison of Norway are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son on April 8 at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Tanner Hawks arrived four weeks early and weighed six pounds. Grandparents are Rachel and Nester Ruokolanen and great-grandmother is Marion Chase.

The supper and dance evenings have started up again at the Locke Mills Legion Hall. They will run once a month for the summer. Beryl Bonney and I attended last week. It was nice to greet several of the summer people from around the ponds that have returned.

The early morning walks are still being enjoyed. At 7:30 a.m. we meet at the Universalist Church to walk the two miles around Pioneer Street to Main Street. We finish the walk with breakfast at the General Store. This week there were seven out to enjoy the sunshine and warmer temperatures.

A rummage and food sale will be held at the Universalist Church on Saturday, the 26th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rummage can be left at the church on Thursdays, the 17th and 24th, until 6 p.m.

Last fall winter came on so fast and cold that I did not get the new tulip and crocus bulbs into the ground. They were left on the porch all winter where I discovered them a few days ago. They looked fine with small sprouts, so I filled a window box with potting soil and planted them. A row of tulip bulbs are in the center with a row of crocus bulbs down each side. They are on the porch where they can get the sun and heat and cold. Will they grow and blossom? They have been frozen most of the winter. Only time will tell.

With the weather a bit warmer, Buffy is shedding his winter coat. I cannot keep up with the brushing, so he is getting matted and does not like to have the mats pulled off. I need to hold him down, with help, and cut some of them off. It really needs to get warmer before he is trimmed. He could get frost bite with our cold mornings.

Welcome back, Miriam. The column is turned back to you for the summer, beginning next week.

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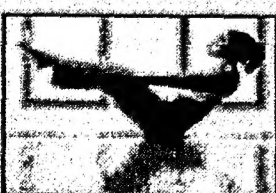
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East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson
Hi readers. Another snowstorm. Can you believe it? Albert and I went with Dale and

Kitty Nelson to Massachusetts on Friday night, April 4, and hit a snowstorm in Ossipee, N.H., on the way going Route 16. Dale is a good driver and went slowly and carefully. It took longer than usual to get to Danvers, Mass., where we stayed two nights, but better than not getting there at all. Anyway, the next day was rainy all day, but got to see Matthew a few minutes at his college in Boston. Then we went to the horse show where Molly competed for Andover College. There were many colleges competing in the show and Molly didn't get to ride until about 4 p.m., but it was interesting to watch all the other riders and horses. Then, of course, we had to hit the Hilltop Restaurant in Saugus where Sharon and Howard Berman from Arlington met us for dinner.

What a nice and full weekend, and we had a good chauffeur. We also toured Endicott College on Sunday morning, which is a nice school overlooking the ocean. Thanks, Dale and Kitty, for taking us. Also, thanks Genie for tending our dog and cat. We couldn't have done it without you.

We were very sorry when we got home to learn that Loretta Andrews' mother, Althea Sawyer, had

passed away, and our thoughts and prayers are with her and family.

Also, our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Florence Morrison, who passed away Sunday. They were both good people and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Easter Sunrise Services will be held on Easter Sunday, April 20, at Waterford Flat at 5:50 a.m. Easter breakfast will be served shortly afterward at the Stoneham Church. Sunday services are being held in Stoneham for the next few months.

Congratulations go out to Kimberly and Derek DeSanctis on the birth of a baby girl on April 8 at St. Mary's Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and her name is Emilia Rhea. She has a brother, Ayden.

From the

Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met April 9 at the Legion Hall in Gorham, N.H., with 40 members and 10 guests present.

President Musa Brown conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag.

Reports were given by Jane Hosterman and Arlene Lowell.

The door prize was won by Flor-

ence Merrill and the raffle, which was a small quilt made and donated by Millie Jackson, was won by Lois Leavitt.

The next meeting will be May 11 at the Town and Country Inn in Shelburne, N.H. The meeting will start at 11 a.m. and the price of the dinner is \$9 for members.

Ginny Walker reported on the trip to be taken June 11. The bus will leave the Bethel Family Health Center at 8 a.m. The itinerary is as follows: Yarmouth, Desert of Maine, lunch at the Country Buffet, shopping at the Christmas Tree Shop and, if time allows, the Portland Public Market.

A group from Western Mountaintains Senior College called the Villagers from Bethel presented a short play.

April birthdays are: Ruth Bethel, Lauriat Corriveau, Barbara Douglass, Rose Dyer, Wilma Gorman, Jane Hosterman, Jim Hutchins, Dana Jackson, Emma Page, Jo-Ann Royer, Doris Ouellette, Dennis Swan and Hope Tibbets.

From the

Bethel Rotary Club

This week in Rotary was Club Assembly. Each of the Avenues of Service committees reported on their activities.

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2005 Oxford County Bicentennial being planned

The Oxford County League of Historical Societies will sponsor a meet for the purpose of planning events and activities for 2005, the year of the Oxford County Bicentennial.

Individuals or representative of libraries, schools, businesses, clubs or civic organizations from throughout the county are urged to attend. The meeting will be held on Saturday, April 19, at 2 p.m. at the West Paris Historical Society, Main Street, West Paris.

The session will provide a public forum for gathering ideas and initiating plans. There will be two primary goals. The first is to capitalize on the bicentennial theme to publicize and coordinate the many area activities already on the agenda for calendar year 2005. The second is to carefully plan and carry out a number of new and interesting activities that are low in cost but high in public value.

The overall purpose is to get residents out and about, to explore and enjoy what their county has to offer. In addition, the bicentennial events should give folks "from away" even more good reasons to make Oxford County a destination in 2005.

A number of ideas have already been raised for discussion. These include some activities that might happen just once during the year and others that may go on throughout the year. They include ideas for smaller groups in different corners of the county, as well as the creation of attractions that might endure for quite some time. Some possibilities that have been mentioned include:

- Creation of a Bicentennial Quilt, to include a square from each town.
- Publication of an "Oxford County Reader," that would feature fiction, nonfiction and poetry either about the area or written by Oxford County writers.

—An antique car, truck or tractor event — perhaps in conjunction with Oxford Plains Speedway.

—A year-long "Oxford County Explorer" experience: a booklet would list the county's mountains, lakes, libraries, museums, scenic views, historic sites, craft works, etc.; participants would check off those that they have visited; and awards would be given to folks who had "hiked ten trails," or "fished ten lakes," etc.

—An "Oxford County Links" event might recognize golfers who had played a round at each of the county's five golf courses.

—Creation of a "Molly Ockett Trail," a self-guiding brochure/tour highlighting many of the important events and individuals of the native people who lived here long before the Oxford County existed as such.

—A "Drive-about" challenge for teams of young drivers to circumnavigate the county, checking in at designated locations in each of the thirty-four towns. The team that accomplishes the task with the fewest miles elapsed might win a donation to their school's activity fund.

—A middle-school snowshoe event in this, the county in which America's commercial snowshoe business was born.

—A series of short newspaper articles highlighting important persons and events associated with Oxford County.

—A "So You Think You Know Oxford County" competition.

But if these or any other ideas are to become a part of the county's heritage for its third century, then folks who have thoughts to share and might want to make a bit more history for Oxford County should come to the meeting on April 19.

What a happy and exciting time it is when a new baby arrives!

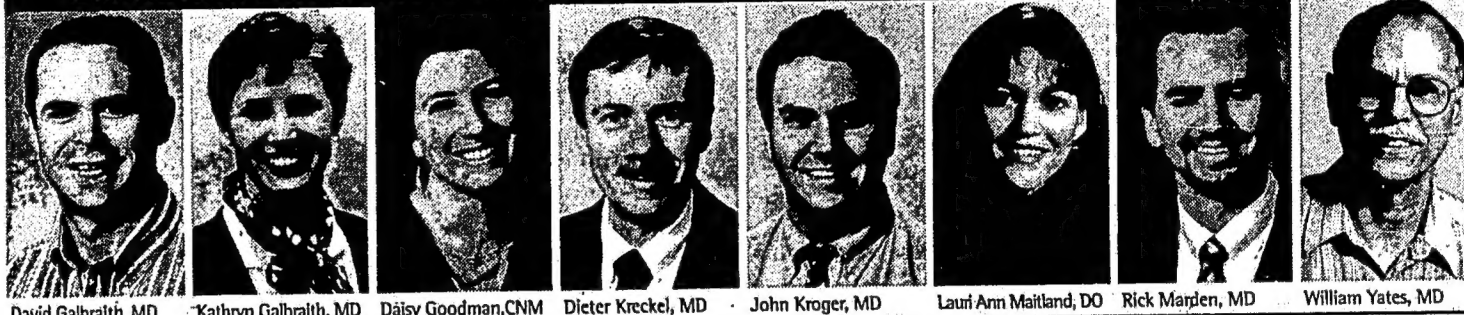
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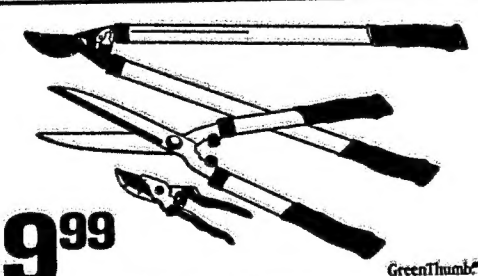
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Conference is coming up at The Summit Hotel on May 22-25. On May 22, there will be a gathering at Steve Wight's. Friday afternoon, May 23, there will be a golf tournament. And, the GSE India Team will be visiting that weekend, too.

For Community Service: the Country Breakfast was financially successful to budget. These proceeds go toward our scholarship fund and anything remaining to International projects.

In regard to the clock project, we're still waiting to hear back from the Town of Bethel on the easement and Walter Hatch has been working on the budget.

For Vocation Service: Interact is looking to have a Recruit and Elections meeting. And, the committee is still accepting applications for RYLA participants.

For International Service: Bruce Powell is coordinating the GSE India Team visit and they will be

attending our May 27 meeting. Dave Preble is still investigating some type of community awareness and fundraising event for this spring to benefit the polio eradication program.

Congratulations to the District Exchange. Bob Laux completed and submitted, with the support of Governor Tim Placey and our Rotary District, two grants to Rotary International's Community Assistance Program to benefit the District Exchange. We have received notification that these applications have been approved for a total of \$5,000. These monies will go toward vocational, medical, and fuel assistance in our community as designated by the District Exchange. Rotarians Craig Alford, Cynthia Moran-Laux and Michele Varuolo are working together with District Exchange's Cathy Newell, Maryvonne Wheeler, Freda Davis, and board on the administration of

the grants.

President-elect Dawna Hannan recently unveiled the 2003-2004 Rotary International Theme — Lend a Hand. 2003-2004 RI President Jonathan B. Majiyagbe says that Rotary is known for a membership that actively engages in service. His theme of Lend a Hand describes an action that is simple and natural to Rotarians. The theme also reminds us of the important service each of us can render to help anyone, anywhere. We can lend our hands to support those in our communities, our vocations, our world, and our clubs.

The annual District 7780 Conference is coming up on May 22-25 at The Grand Summit at Sunday River. A district conference is for all members who gather for the purpose of fellowship, good fun, inspirational speakers, and discussion of matters that make one's Rotary membership more meaning-

ful. The Group Study Exchange group from India will also be visiting our district during that time.

Upcoming events include the 8th annual Golf Challenge on Monday, June 23, and the annual Auction on Saturday, June 21.

The Rotary Club of Bethel meets weekly at 7:30 a.m. at The Bethel Inn and Country Club.

From the

O.C.R.S.W.C.

During the month of March Oxford Country Regional Solid Waste Corporation processed the following:

—Shipped 157.04 tons of material at an estimated sale value of \$10,371.00. Estimated cost to trash the same 157.04 tons of material — \$13,348.40 (based on average tipping and hauling fee of \$85 per

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—Shipped 67.27 tons of corrugated cardboard at an estimated sale value of \$3,765. Estimated cost to trash the same 67.27 tons of cardboard — \$5,717.95 at \$85 per ton.

—Shipped 69.96 tons of news, magazines and junk mail at an estimated sale value of \$4,236. Estimated cost to trash the same 69.96 tons of news, magazines and junk mail — \$5,946.60.

—Shipped 19.81 tons of office paper at an estimated sale value of \$2,370. Estimated cost to trash the same 19.81 tons of office paper — \$1,683.85.

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From the

Bethel Area
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This Friday, April 18, is the deadline for nominations for our annual awards. If you have someone in mind for one of the following awards: Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship, Lifetime Achievement Award, Business of the Year Award, Forest Products Award, and Public Service Award. Also, if you are an employer, you may nominate someone who works for you for one of the following four categories: Hospitality (employee of the year), Retail and Service, Ski Services, and Education. You may either bring the nomination in to the office or mail it to: Awards, P.O. Box 1247, Bethel, ME 04217.

We are accepting reservations for the 34th annual Awards Dinner, to be held at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River on Friday, May 30. A delicious full-buffet dinner featuring roast prime rib, salmon and a vegetable pasta, a full evening of recognition and networking, and the greatest silent auction yet can be had for \$30 per person. Tables of eight are available as well. Call the chamber office at 824-2282 to reserve your seat at this wonderful annual event.

Welcome to our newest chamber member: Country Sampler, Becky and Ross Swan, owners. Country Sampler is located at 63 Main Street, Bethel and may be contacted at 824-4438. They have lovely gifts for all occasions.

All our members and friends are invited to April's Business After Hours, co-hosted by Key Bank and the Victoria Inn scheduled for next Thursday, April 24 at the inn, on Main Street, Bethel. Abundant refreshments and libations will be offered between 5 and 7 p.m. and the Key Bank staff will be present to answer questions about their terrific products and services.

any thanks to Shylyn's Fitness Center for providing a three-month membership to Lori McPherson, our top fundraiser in the 2003 WinterFest's Androscoggin River Polar Plunge. Also, thanks to the Sudbury Inn for hosting the April Networking Breakfast this week.

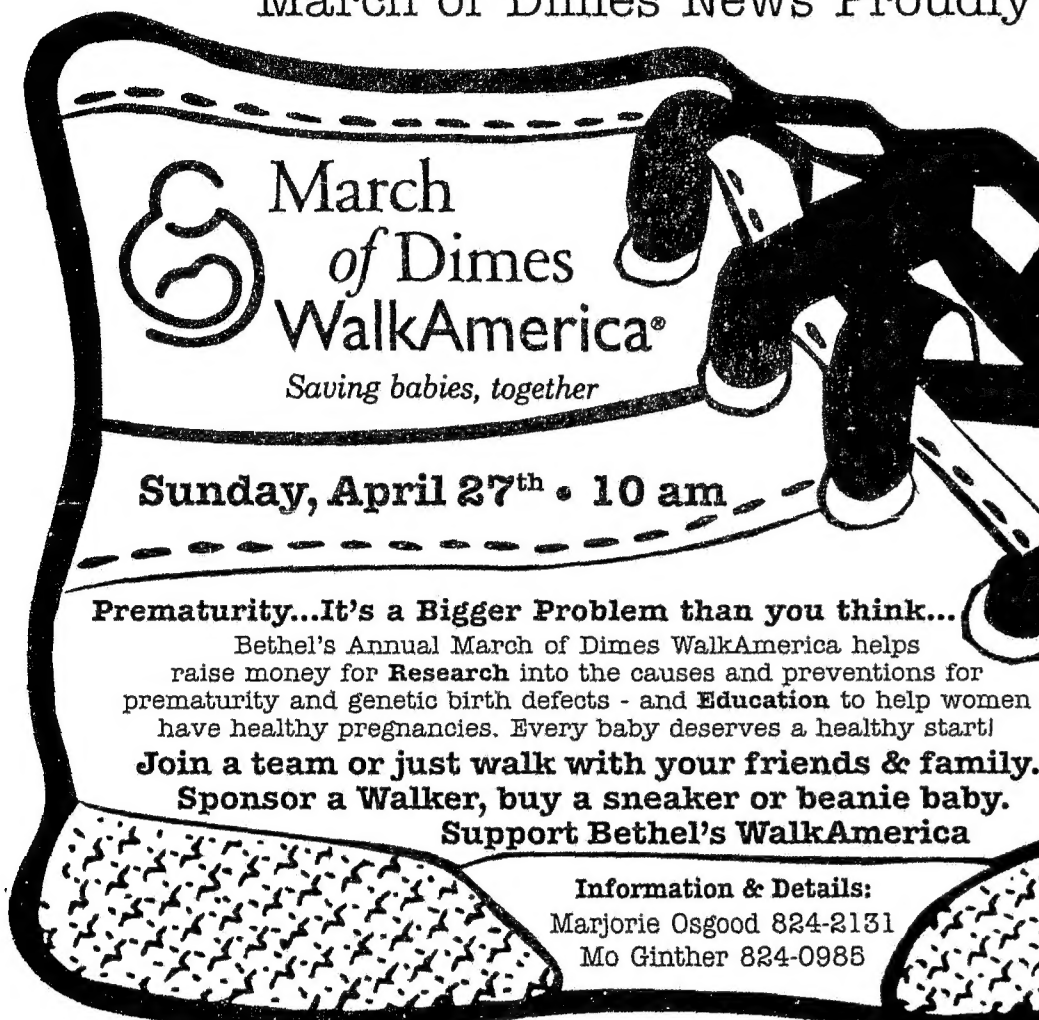
The 14th annual Bethel Art Fair planning is well underway. Scheduled for Saturday, July 5, the day promises to be a great "kick-off" to Bethel's summer of 2003. The booth space is already fully subscribed with 50 talented artists and crafts people and popular folk-singer, Annie Clark, is the featured act on the gazebo, from noon to 2 p.m. There will be children's art activities offered, as well as delicious food to appeal to all palettes. Many thanks to the sponsorship support of the following businesses: Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Northern New England (Major Sponsor); Premier Sponsors: W.J. Wheeler Co., Inc., Maine Press, Bethel Inn & Country Club, Sunday River Ski Resort, Portland Natural Gas Transmission Systems; Supporting Sponsors: The Good Food Store and the River View Resort Hotel. A beautiful poster, generously printed by the Maine Press will be available within the month. It features a lovely watercolor of the Bethel Common and Gazebo and was painted and donated by local artist and weaver, Grace McGivergan.

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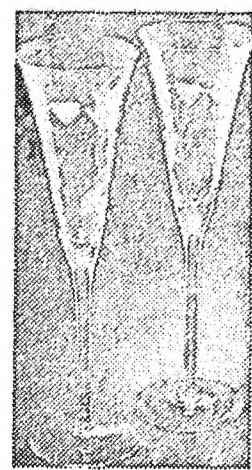
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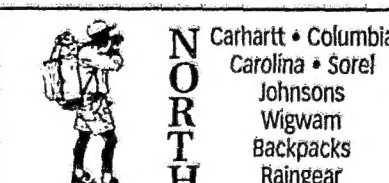
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munity Development (DECD) to implement an Internet incubator project for 30 small businesses in Franklin, Oxford and Androscoggin counties. This program has expanded the capacity of every business enrolled by allowing each business to market to customers outside of their local markets via the Internet.

The Incubator will consist of 30 businesses working with a technology consultant from Advanced MicroSystems (AMS) to develop their own custom Web site. Businesses should expect to graduate from the program with a functional custom Web site and the ability to perform general maintenance to their Web site.

This program is offered at minimal cost to the businesses — domain name registration and Web hosting fees. Effectively this program will cover the costs associated with developing and implementing your Web site. However, businesses must be able to commit to a significant time obligation. Businesses could meet with an AMS consultant for as many as 70 hours in order to develop the Web site.

The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) has honored AVCOG's Internet Incubator Program with a 2002 Innovation Award. Innovation awards are given to recognize organizations that have demonstrated innovative approaches to economic and community development. The Internet Incubator was featured in the Economic Development Digest and was presented at the National Conference.

To date, we have held ten Internet-based trainings with a total of 92 participants. Trainings have been held in Auburn, Wilton, Farmington and Mexico. Twenty Web sites have been completed with an additional six Web sites currently under construction scheduled to be completed by late May.

If you are interested in developing a Web site for your small business, the deadline to apply is May 12. For more information or to apply, log on to www.avcog.org and

go to Business Services to access the Internet Incubator link. Businesses can also call AVCOG at 783-9186 and ask for Chris Logan or Jane Mickeriz for more details. AVCOG is a not-for-profit agency exclusively owned and operated by the communities in western Maine that offers a variety of services and programs targeted directly to businesses in the tri-county area.

From the Oxford County Republicans

At the April 8 Oxford County Republican Committee monthly meeting held at the Oxford Advent Christian Church, which provided a fine dinner, Kim Pettingill, secretary of the Maine Republican Party, took party activists through some of the steps necessary to compete successfully in the 2004 elections if Republicans are to assume majority status in legislative elections. She emphasized the importance of caucuses in the political process and outlined ways to challenge voters who may not be residents of the places where they are attempting to vote. She also detailed the process for questioning the legality of votes that are cast as well. In addition, the State Committee officer offered a number of handouts to help Republicans on the local level become more effective in keeping the political process fair and balanced.

Following her presentation, Vice Chair Jim Hamper of Oxford, who presided in the absence of Chairman Paul Billings, called on members of the Legislature present for a few remarks. Rep. Ted Heidrich (R-Oxford) reported on the efforts of the Democrats on the Labor Committee to change Workman's Compensation legislation that will make it more expensive for businesses operating in the state. Rep. Sawin Millett (R-Waterford) reviewed the bond issues that the governor is proposing as well as his no tax pledge in light of continuing deficits and a proposed handling

tax to benefit dairy farmers. Diane Jackson from Sen. Snowe's Auburn office briefed the group on the state's Senior Senator's recent activities. Carlene Tremblay of Senator Collins' Lewiston office introduced herself and said she would be present at many of the meetings to report on her boss's efforts on behalf of Maine. Former State Senator Norman Ferguson of Hanover briefed the audience on the re-apportionment status. The House and County Commissioner plans seem to be agreed to, but the state Senate and Congressional districting may have to be referred to the Maine Supreme Court for a decision. David Heidrich was introduced as a member of the Youth Legislative Council and advised those present on issues that group is focusing on at the present time. He also expects to be a page in the U.S. Senate during the summer.

The next meeting was announced for May 13 at the Wilkins House in Waterford. The dinner will be provided by the Hannibal Hamlin Republican Women's Club. Former U.S. Congressman David Emery will be the featured speaker on the re-apportionment process for the 2004 elections in Maine.

NOW News

The Project NOW Youth Program, overseen by Youth Coordinator Carol Emery, has been diligently working at advocating on the dangers of tobacco. National "Kick Butts Day" was April 2 this year and a number of activities centered around tobacco awareness occurred. Telstar Middle School, Mountain Valley Middle School, and the TW Kelly Middle School all participated in the 92 percent campaign. This campaign consisted of daily posters being displayed in the schools that simply said 92 percent, with new posters going up each day with a "clue" as to what the percentage stood for. On Fri-

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Sports

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Kara Jacques (outfield) and Sarah Farnum (third base), and other freshmen Liz Rosenberg (catcher) and Tiffany Jordan (utility).

Other promising freshmen include Chelsea Cozzolino (first base/outfield) and Kayla Mills (first/third base), said Lunney.

He said the team should be stronger on defense this year because the returning players are more experienced. And on offense, he said, "the freshmen swing the bats pretty well."

The Rebels lost their leading hitter, Mariah Seames, to graduation last year.

As always, the team is shooting for the playoffs. In the way is a well-balanced Mountain Valley Conference. The stronger teams should be defending Class C champion Monmouth, as well as Jay and Winthrop, Lunney said.

The lingering cold weather kept the Rebels on the bench for much of the preseason game schedule, and Lunney and his team are now looking forward to warming temperatures. "We need to get out on the field," he said.

Track

David LeClerc takes over coaching this year for John Applin. LeClerc, who also teaches at Telstar, served as an assistant track coach at Mt. Ararat High School before coming to Telstar.

While at Mt. Ararat, he worked primarily with the jumping events (high, long and triple). THS assistant track coach Gail Wight will continue as an assistant for the team, working primarily with throwers (discus and shot put).

LeClerc said the overall strength for both the boys and girls squads this season appears to be in the running events.

The girls' team lost two top Class C runners with the graduation last year of state champion distance runner Anna Willard, who now runs for Brown University, and Katie Wight, the state 400-meter champion.

The teams are young, especially the boys, with a large number of freshmen and sophomores.

The lineups include, for the boys: seniors Fred Bailey (distance running), Dave Barton (distance) and

Adam Tanguay (throws); juniors Dustin Angevine (distance), Mark Hodgkin (throws), Mike Hoy (sprints), and Andy Lowe (throws); sophomores Andy Aloisio (distance), Frank Emerson (throws), Andrew Farrington (distance), Alex Helms (sprints), Ryan Merchant (jumps), Matt Mills (middle distance), Mayor Patel (sprints), and Clay Smith (distance); freshmen Sam Angevine (jumps), Anthony Bradstreet (throws), Mike Cross (throws), Roy DePasquale (jumps), Jason McAvoy (sprints), Justin Merchant (sprints), Mikel Patten (sprints), and Paul Walters (sprints).

For the girls: seniors Laura Bolstridge (middle distance), Sadie Cole (sprints), Heather Zimmerman (distance); juniors Erin Farrington (sprints), Tanya Knox (sprints); sophomores Megan Bailey (sprints), Annika Barton (jumps), and Rachel Gigliotti (throws); and freshmen Patrycja Blackthut (jumps), Heather Bolstridge (throws) and Candy Carmichael (jumps).

School Sports

Boys' Varsity Lacrosse

Gould 5, Hebron 4; April 12—The Gould boys' varsity lacrosse team opened their MAISAD schedule on Saturday evening at the Bates College Coliseum, stunning the Hebron Lumberjacks with a win on the Astroturf field. Hebron opened up the scoring just 30 seconds into the first half. Gould came back strong and went ahead by two, only to have Hebron tie the game with two minutes remaining in regulation play. With the score still tied after the first overtime period, Gould's Chuck Hoyt scored the winning goal in double overtime. Although penalties throughout the game limited the scoring opportunities, Charles Dresser and Morgan Rudd each scored a goal for Gould, and Briar Bouthot scored two. "The play was predictably ragged for the early season," said coach Will Graham, "but there were moments of brilliance. Tenacious defense and solid midfield play helped to carry the game. The team is ready to practice on a full field, put winter behind them, reduce the penalties, and move on to our game against Mt. Blue on Wednesday."

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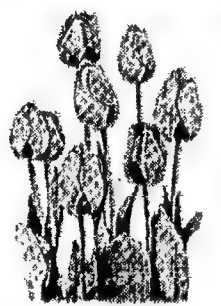
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Television Listings

THURSDAY EVENING APRIL 17, 2003

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	'70s Show	'70s Show	WWE Smackdown!				News		Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Phenomenon"						700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Scrubs	Will-Grace	Good Mtn	Law & Order		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	All American Girl		All American Girl		Primetime Thursday		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Maine	Made In	Avoiding Armageddon				Charlie Rose	
(22)	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Eastern Quarter, Game 5 -- Bruins at Devils						Baseball Tonight		Sportscenter	
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Movie: "Dragonslayer"					Real TV
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: The Amazon		CSI: Crime Scn		Without a Trace		News	
(41)	Sports	54321	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Sports		Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Real Sports		Movie: "Desperado"				Dennis Miller		Hookers: 5 Years Later	
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Right on Track"				Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Even	Boy World
(18)	"Moulin Rouge" Cont'd		Movie: "A Walk to Remember"				Movie: "Virtuosity"			
(20)	MLB Baseball: Devil Rays at Red Sox				Innings		Sports Plus		ESPNNews	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "Contagious"				Golden	Golden
(5)	Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "Soldier"				Movie: "The Replacements"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Amanda	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	3's Co.	3's Co.
(25)	The Flight of the Phoenix		Movie: "Castle Keep"				Movie: "To Hell and Back"			
(26)	JAG		Movie: "The Beast"							Dead Zone
(27)	American Justice		Biography		Movie: "Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown"				Third Watch	
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "Diamonds"				News		Rockford Files	
(39)	War in Iraq				War in Iraq		War in Iraq			

FRIDAY EVENING APRIL 18, 2003

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	MLB Baseball: Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox						News		Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Planes, Trains and Automobiles"				Whose? Whose?		700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Most Talented Kid		Dateline		Law & Order		News	
(8)	Minor League Baseball: New Britain at Portland		8 Rules		Regular Joe		20/20		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Wash Wk	Wall	Keeping Up	Time Goes	Neighbors	One Foot	Now With Bill Moyers	
(22)	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Eastern Quarter, Game 5 -- Capitals at Lightning						Baseball Tonight		Sportscenter	
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Real TV	Real TV
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Star Search		Hack		CSI: Miami		News	
(41)	Sports	54321	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	"Sweet November"		Movie: "Joe Somebody"				Wire		Ariss	Real Time
(17)	So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "Cadet Kelly"				Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	So Raven	Kim
(18)	Movie: "Joe Dirt" Cont'd		Movie: "Heist"				Movie: "Tin Cup"			
(20)	MLB Baseball: Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox						Innings	Extra Inn	ESPNNews	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Final Justice		Movie: "A Face to Die For"				Golden	Golden
(5)	Friends	MLB Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves					Seinfeld		"Play It to the Bone"	
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Neutron	Oddparents	Oddparents	Cosby	Cosby	3's Co.	3's Co.
(25)	"Castle Keep" Cont'd		Movie: "Hell Is for Heroes"				Movie: "The Fury"			
(26)	JAG		Movie: "GoldenEye"						Law Order CI	
(27)	American Justice		Biography		Saving Private Lynch		Women Warriors: Marine		Third Watch	
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear"				News		Rockford Files	
(39)	War in Iraq				War in Iraq		War in Iraq			

SATURDAY EVENING APRIL 19, 2003

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Platinum		Platinum		News	Sanders	Entertainment Tonight	
(32)	Celebrity Mole Hawaii		Celebrity Mole Hawaii		Celebrity Mole Hawaii				Police Academy 2	
(6)	Maine	Teens Care	Law & Order		Hunter		Law & Order		News	Sal. Night
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "The Birdcage"						News	Practice
(10)	Studio	Wildlife	Masterpiece Theatre				Frontline		Red Green	Red Green
(22)	NBA Basketball Playoffs		Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA						Sportscenter	
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Real TV		Elimination		WWE Velocity		WWE Confidential	
(13)	Pine Tree	Frasier	Touched by an Angel		District		Agency		News	Andromeda
(41)	Beyond the Glory		Boxing: Julio Garcia vs. Johnny Rivera				Last Word	See This	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	"Dear God" Cont'd		Movie: "The Mothman Prophecies"				Boxing: Floyd Mayweather vs. Victoriano Sosa			
(17)	So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "The Luck of the Irish"				Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	So Raven	Kim
(18)	"The Marrying Man"		Movie: "Under Siege 2: Dark Territory"				Movie: "Hollywood Ending"			
(20)	Wild World of Winter		NE Journal	Divers	Outdoors	Outdoors	ESPNNews		ESPNNews	
(44)	Movie: "Lies He Told"				Movie: "Sweet Temptation"				What Should You Do?	
(5)	MLB Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves						Movie: "Crocodile Dundee II"			
(24)	Awards	Rugrats	All That	Nick	Amanda	Skeeter	Cosby	Cosby	3's Co.	3's Co.
(25)	"The Rare Breed" Cont'd		Movie: "High Plains Drifter"				Movie: "The Comancheros"			
(26)	"Bring It On" Cont'd		Movie: "Never Been Kissed"				Nashville Star		Helen	Dragnet
(27)	American Justice		Cold Case Files		Crossing Jordan		Third Watch		Paparazzi	Star Treat
(12)	MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates						News		Fresh Pr.	"Batman"
(39)	War in Iraq				War in Iraq		War in Iraq			

SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 20, 2003

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "The Black Bird"				News	Red Sox	Sanders	Pyramid
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "The Object of My Affection"						Movie: "The Object of My Affection"	
(6)	100 Years of Hope & Humor				Law Order CI		Boontown		News	Hot Ticket
(8)	Movie: "The Ten Commandments"									
(10)	Monarch of the Glen		Nature		Masterpiece Theatre		Children of Chabannes			To Contrary
(22)	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball: Texas Rangers at Oakland Athletics						Sportscenter	
(34)	WWE Sunday Night Heat		Elimination	Elimination	Real TV	Real TV	Blind Date	Blind Date	Trucks!	Car
(13)	60 Minutes		Becker	Becker	"Ice Bound: A Woman's Survival at the South Pole"				News	Friends
(41)	Boxing: Sunday		Beyond the Glory		Best Damn Sports Show		See This	Last Word	Beyond the Glory	
(15)	Movie: "Shrek" Cont'd		Sopranos		Six Feet Under		Wire		Da Ali G	Murder
(17)	So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "Annie"					Lizzie	So Raven	Kim
(18)	Braddock: III		Movie: "Panio Room"				Movie: "Shallow Hal"			
(20)	NE Journal	Divers	Outdoors	Outdoors	ESPNNews		ESPNNews		ESPNNews	
(44)	Movie: "Homeless to Harvard: The Liz Murray Story"				Division		Strong Medicine		Any Day Now	
(5)	"Overboard" Cont'd		Movie: "Field of Dreams"				Movie: "Field of Dreams"			
(24)	Jimmy Neutron: Gen.		Dora	Rugrats	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	3's Co.	3's Co.
(25)	"Inventing the Abbotts"		Movie: "How Stella Got Her Groove Back"				"How Stella Got Her Groove Back"			
(26)	"Six Days, Seven Nights"		Movie: "Helen of Troy"				Movie: "Helen of Troy"			
(27)	Columbo: Uneasy-Crown		Biography				Biography		The Point	
(12)	Mutant X		Andromeda		Adventure Inc.		News	Replay	Rockford Files	
(39)	War in Iraq				War in Iraq		War in Iraq			

MONDAY EVENING APRIL 21, 2003

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	'70s Show	'70s Show	Parkers	Half	Girlfriends	Half	News		Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Just a Walk in the Park"				Whose? Whose?		700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Fear Factor		Third Watch		Crossing Jordan		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	John Stossel: Help Me!		Practice		Practice		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Capitol Connection		American Experience		Antiques Roadshow		Business	McLaughlin
(22)	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA						Baseball Tonight		Sportscenter	
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.		WWE Raw				CSI: Crime Scn	
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	King	Yes, Dear	Raymond	Raymond	CSI: Miami		News	
(41)	Sports	54321	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Young	Legendary	Movie: "The Glass House"				Dennis Miller		Real Sports	
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "MVP: Most Valuable Primate"				Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Even	Boy World
(18)	"Armed and Dangerous"		Movie: "Hollywood Ending"				Movie: "Pulp Fiction"			
(20)	NE Journal	Divers	Outdoors	Outdoors	ESPNNews		ESPNNews		ESPNNews	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		What Should You Do?		Movie: "Seduced and Betrayed"				Golden	Golden
(5)	Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "The Replacements"				Movie: "Murder at 1600"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Amanda	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	3's Co.	3's Co.
(25)	"Roman Holiday" Cont'd		Movie: "Peggy Sue Got Married"				Movie: "Moon Over Parador"			
(26)	"Helen of Troy" Cont'd		Movie: "Helen of Troy"				Movie: "Helen of Troy"			
(27)	American Justice		Biography		Movie: "Happy Families"				Third Watch	
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "Young Guns"				News		Rockford Files	
(39)	War in Iraq				War in Iraq		War in Iraq			

TUESDAY EVENING APRIL 22, 2003

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	'70s Show	'70s Show	Buff the Vampire Slayer		Platinum		News		Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Time Share"				Whose? Whose?		700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Frasier	Ellie	Dateline		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	8 Rules		According to Jim		Home		NYPD Blue	News
(10)	News-Lehrer		Nova		Scientific-Frontiers		Independent Lens		Charlie Rose	
(22)	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA						Baseball Tonight		Sportscenter	
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Movie: "Friday the 13th -- A New Beginning"				Real TV	Real TV
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	JAG		Guardian		Judging Amy		News	
(41)	Sports	54321	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Movie: "Deceived"				Movie: "The Mothman Prophecies"				Six Feet Under	
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Don't Look Under the Bed"				Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Even	Boy World
(18)	Amandal Revolution				Movie: "Not Another Teen Movie"		Movie: "Broken Arrow"			
(20)	McCarver	Pregame	MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Texas Rangers						Innings	Extra Inn
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "Bad to the Bone"				Golden	Golden
(5)	Friends	MLB Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves					Seinfeld		Movie: "The Game"	
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Amanda	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	3's Co.	3's Co.
(25)	"Peggy Sue Got Married"		Movie: "The Long, Hot Summer"				Movie: "King Creole"			
(26)	JAG		Movie: "Billy Madison"				JAG		Nashville Star	
(27)	American Justice		Biography		Cold Case Files				Third Watch	
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "Young Guns II"				News		Rockford Files	
(39)	War in Iraq				War in Iraq		War in Iraq			

WEDNESDAY EVENING APRIL 23, 2003

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	'70s Show	'70s Show	Enterprise		Twilight Zone		News		Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Girls Just Want to Have Fun"				Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Psychic Secrets		West Wing		Law & Order		News	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	My Wife	Lopez	Bachelor		Extreme Makeover		News	
10	News-Lehrer		American Masters		Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories				Charlie Rose	
(22)	MLB Baseball: Teams to Be Announced					Baseball Tonight			Sportscenter	
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Movie: "Friday the 13th Part VII -- The New Blood"			Real TV	Real TV	
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Star Search		60 Minutes II		48 Hours Investigates		News	
(41)	Sports	54321	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Movie: "Dear God"				Six Feet Under		Legendary	Real Time		Del Poels
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Up, Up and Away"				Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Even	Boy World
(18)	Movie: "Ali"						Movie: "Hollywood Ending"			
(20)	PGA	Pregame	MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Texas Rangers						Innings	Extra Inn
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "In the Name of Love: A Texas Tragedy"			Golden	Golden	
(5)	Seinfeld	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Ripley's Believe It or Not!		Movie: "The Quick and the Dead"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Amanda	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	3's Co.	3's Co.
(25)	"The Fighting Seabees"		Movie: "Earthquake"							
(26)	JAG	Movie: "Hard Rain"				Movie: "Kuffs"				
(27)	American Justice		Biography		American Justice		City Confidential		Third Watch	
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "Batman"							
(39)	War in Iraq				War in Iraq		War in Iraq			

Events Calendar

Public Computer Access — Hours at the SAD44 Adult Learning Center, Phillips Street, Bethel are: Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.; and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon for academic instruction and GED preparation, as well as use of the computer lab.

Seniors Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Reservations important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-9168 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

9 a.m. (Thursdays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Town and Country Mobile Home Park community center, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mini Bell (743-8881) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

April 15-June 3 — Vegetarian Whole Foods cookery and Health Seminar at Taste of Eden Bakery-Cafe, 188 Main Street, Bethel, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Cost: \$5 each session. FMI, call 824-8939.

Thursday, April 17

5:30 p.m. — Oxford County Democrats will meet at the Legion Hall Building, Fryeburg for potluck supper and meeting. Donations of main dish or salad for supper are welcome. For more information, contact Cathy Newell at 875-2116 or e-mail cathynewell@megalink.net.

Friday, April 18

Tally Ho 4-H Club "Take-a-chance" Auction at Telstar Regional High School cafeteria. Viewing, 5 p.m.; auction, 7 p.m.

7 p.m. — Fare Share Follies, hosted by local physical comedian Mike Miclon and feature singer Jewel Clark of Bethel at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School auditorium, Norway. Featured will be a dozen other area professional and amateur performers. The Teen Art Moves Dance Group will perform. Tickets (\$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12) available at Fare Share Market, 443 Main Street, Norway. Proceeds benefit the Fare Share Cooperative.

Saturday, April 19

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Easter Bake Sale at Tri-Town ambulance barn on Route 26, West Paris.

7 to 10 p.m. — Those Jazz Guys, a jazz quartet (local musicians James McLaughlin, piano and Tom Zicarelli, saxophone; Jerry Barry, drummer; and Gerhard Graml, bass) will perform in the Main Dining Room of The Sudbury Inn, sponsored by The Mahoosuc Arts Council. Cover charge: \$6 at door. Limited seating. Cocktails extra. FMI, call 824-3575.

11 a.m. — The Christian Community Choir will present the Easter Cantata, "Cornerstone," at Perkins Valley Seventh Day Advent Church, Perkins Valley Road, Woodstock.

10 to 12 a.m. — Maine Orchids in the Wild, a slide presentation by former Maine Orchid Society president, John Mattor, at McLaughlin Foundation, South Paris. \$8 includes refreshments. Please pre-register: 743-8820.

Support Services

Abused Women's Advocacy Project
AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 389-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Alcohol/Drug Treatment
Gateway Recovery Services—Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info, call 207-743-7580.

Diabetes Support Group
The Diabetes Support Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The meeting is held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Harper Conference Center in the Ripley Medical Building. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Betty Sirois at 743-5933.

Exchanges
District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursday 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2556, 674-2663, or 655-2226 to learn more details.

MS Self-Help Group

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Gale Taut at 836-2900.

Mental Illness Support Group

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional or physical illness, provides support, relaxation and socialization. Monday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or (800) 333-9999 off hours. 928-3222.

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

Veterans' Services (State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employment Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday; location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-8:15 p.m. Tel. 392-4841. (new members welcome)

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.
Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 a.m. October to May, Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.
Crescent Park Elementary School: Open every Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to the public.
Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.
Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505.
Library hours: Tuesday 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursday 1:30-7 p.m.
West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.
Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story
Upton Library: Saturdays 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Sunday, April 20

6 p.m. — The Christian Community Choir will present the Easter Cantata, "Cornerstone," at Oxford Hills Assembly of God Church, Coldwater Brook Road, Oxford.

2 p.m. — Easter Egg Hunt and Party at Newry Grange, sponsored by Newry Mothers Club.

Thursday, April 24

One-day trip to Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun, sponsored by Oxford Hills AARP. FMI, call Walter or Henrietta Taft at 743-6722.

7:30 p.m. — Vince Gilbert, musician, will perform in Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium, presented by Gould Academy's Performing Arts Series. Tickets \$6 adults, \$4 students (at door only). FMI, call 824-3575.

7 p.m. — Bethel Area Poets Society meeting at Rockie Graham's home, Newry. All welcome.

Friday, April 25

2 p.m. — Bethel Airport Authority Celebration of the Runway Expansion Project with ribbon-cutting ceremony at Bethel Regional Airport /Colonel Dyke Field Clearing hangar. Public invited. Anyone interested in an advertisement, sponsorship or in sharing pictures should contact Eric Wight at 824-3470 or Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

6:30 p.m. (signup) — Norway Coffeehouse Open Mic, hosted by Heather Pierson and Diane Vincent at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Open to all performers and listeners. Open mic begins at 7 p.m. Suggested donation: \$3. Proceeds to benefit Boxberry School. FMI, call Heather at 935-4505.

10:30 a.m. — Oxford County Retired Teachers meeting at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Speaker: Cathy Newell on adult education.

9 to 3 p.m. — "Getting to Know: The Coyote-Ecology, Habitat and the Uncertain Future of Coyotes with Wolves at the Door," a workshop offered by Appalachian Mountain Club at Pinkham Notch Visitor Center in the White Mountain National Forest. Open to all. FMI, call (603) 466-2721.

Saturday, April 26

6 p.m. — Retirement Party for Bill Wight at Newry Grange Hall. Bring salad or vegetable dish for the potluck supper.

8 to 11:30 p.m. — Old Time Dance at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by Richard Felt Orchestra. Proceeds benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

1 to 4 p.m. — Open House at "A Prodigal Inn & Gallery," formerly "The Douglass Place," at 162 Mayville Road, Bethel by owners Tom and Marcey White and former owner, Barbara Douglass. A cordial invitation for all to visit.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Open House at Bethel Inn Gibson Room for discus-



Vince Gilbert at Gould Academy-Polk artist Vince Gilbert will present a concert at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium on Thursday, April 24th. A native of Philadelphia, the singer/songwriter first made a name for himself in the folk clubs of Boston, where his fluid melodies, pure tenor voice, and keenly crafted lyrics, combined with his bold, infectious humor, made him a fan favorite. In the early 1990's, he joined folksinger Shawn Colvin as a special guest on her Fat City tour, where he took audiences by storm: "With the voice of an angel, the wit of a devil, and the guitar of a god, it was enough to earn him that rarity: an encore for an opener," wrote the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. In a review, Gilbert's albums include three for the Rounder/Philo label, Edgewise (1994), Fugitives (1995), and Shaking Off Gravity (1998), and his self-produced Somerville Live (2000), and One Thru Fourteen (2002). The concert at Gould Academy, part of the school's visiting performing artists series, begins at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students, and are available at the door.

sion with Boxberry School staff. Children welcome to attend and do an activity with Georgina the teacher. Refreshments. FMI, call 836-2285.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Rummage and Food Sale at Universalist Church, West Paris. Rummage can be left at the church Thursdays, April 17 and 24, until 6 p.m.

8 to 12 p.m. — Telstar Alumni Association Dance, featuring the band, "The Suspects," at Locke Mills Legion Hall, Gore Road. Tickets: \$8 in advance (available at Maine Line Products in Bethel and Locke Mills or call 875-3335) or \$10 at door. BYOB. No one under 21 admitted.

5 to 6:30 (bidding) — Silent Auction to benefit Responsible Pet Care at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School cafeteria, Norway. Over 200 great items. Refreshments. FMI, call 743-8679.

Sunday, April 27

10 a.m. — March of Dimes Walk America. For more details, call Marjorie Osgood (824-2131) or Mo Ginther (824-0985).

6 p.m. — Singer, pianist, songwriter, storyteller Mitch Thomas will present a concert at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street.

2 p.m. — IMAI Northward Bound Chamber Music Series final concert at St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, Berlin. Three young professional artists will present an afternoon of chamber music. Admission (at door), \$10. FMI, call (603) 752-1028.

Monday, April 28

7 p.m. — Spring Concert by Mahoosuc Community Band at West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street in memory of former director Ernest Downs.

Friday, May 2

7 p.m. — Joe Perham, Maine Humorist will be at the McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy, sponsored by Mahoosuc Arts Council's Meet the Artist Series. Limited seating. For ticket information, call 824-3575.

Saturday, May 3

7 p.m. (doors open 7:30) — CD Release Party for "Between Lives" by Alfred Lund and Heather Pierson and "Great Turning" by Leah Wolfson and performance by Spirit of the Corn (Pow Wow Drum group) at the Ballroom, Main Street, Harrison. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students, under 6 free. Tickets at door. FMI, call (877) 833-1372.

Sunday, May 4

12 noon — Spring Benefit Fashion Show, Luncheon and Silent Auction, sponsored by REACH (Rape Education and Crisis Hotline), at the Bethel Inn. Tickets: \$25, all inclusive, available at REACH offices Main Street or Paris Street, Norway; Sweet Peas in Bridgton; Wild Rose and Ruthie's in Bethel. Guest speaker: Aria Patch. FMI, call 743-9777.

8 to 10 a.m. (registration) — Bethel Walk for MS at Crescent Park School. To register, or for more information, call Nichole Rutherford at Maine Chapter (800) 639-1330.

Tuesday, May 6

12 noon — West Paris Senior Citizens meeting at West Paris Baptist Church.

Wednesday, May 7

7 p.m. — Step Afrikal, a percussive dance ensemble will perform at Crescent Park Elementary School, sponsored by Mahoosuc Arts Council. Ticket information: 824-3575.

Church Services

Bethel

Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Rick Mowery, 10:00 a.m. worship, Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Evening fellowship and youth ministries 6:00pm, Sundays. Prayer fellowship 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Church of the Nazarene—Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 824-4028 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 for more info.

West Parish Congregational—Rev. Daniel Johnson, 10:30 a.m. worship. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues, 8 a.m. For more information call 824-8860.

Our Lady of the Snows—Mass—Saturday, 4:30 p.m. March 29-Dec. 21 Pastor Father Maurice Lebel 743-2606. United Methodist—Rev. Betsy S. Webster, Pastor, 11 a.m. Sunday worship. Rainbow Church School, 3-5 p.m. Thursdays (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union—9 a.m. worship and Sunday school. For info, call 836-2844 or 836-2882. Rev. Earl H. Bell.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. 836-2828.

Episcopal House Church—Holy communion service the third Sunday of every month at 4:00pm at 38 Chapman Street. For further info, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913. (Fourth Sunday in April)

Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday. Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Peter Laites, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15am; Adult Bible Fellowship 9:15am; Morning Worship 10:30am; Choir Practice 4:45pm; Evening Preaching Service 6:00pm. Wednesdays: Patch the Pirate Club 6:30pm; Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 6:30pm.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinkhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock)—Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome. Mahoosuc Mountains Friends—a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)—Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Aria Patch 665-2224 for more info.

Andover

First Congregational Church—Pastor Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10am followed by coffee fellowship. Sunday School on Tuesdays from 3-4:15pm for children in grades K-5. Thursday, choir practice at 6:30. All are welcome.

Calvary Bible Church—Pastor John O'Keefe. Winter hours: Sunday School 9:30am, Sunday AM worship 10:45am, Wednesday bible study and prayer meeting 6:45pm, Thursday Men's Discipleship 7:00pm, Contact church for schedule of Ladies Discipleship and bible study groups. Route 5, S. Andover. 382-1121.

Assembly of God—Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. (603-466-2851).

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union—Rev. Michael Johnson. Worship will be held at 10:00am.

East Stoneham

Oxford County United Parish—Rev. George Froberg, 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School; Sunday morning worship will be held at the North Waterford Church beginning November 3 and continuing through the winter months.

Newry

Newry Community Church—Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April)

Albany

Congregational Church—Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the church.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (5 Aldrich Ave.)—Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info or ride.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday Morning Service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

North Paris Federation—Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service: 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers' group third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7pm.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)—Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information. Christ Episcopal Church—35 Paris St. Sunday services at 8 and 10 a.m.; Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

Rumford

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church—Mass, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Canon Henry Male, Jr. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

Rumford Center

Praise Assembly of God—Pastor James Michaels. Sunday School 9:00am, Sunday worship service at 10:00am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6:00pm. Wednesday night bible study at 7:00pm. East Andover Rd. For more information, call 364-3856.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church—Sunday service, Sunday School, 8:30 a.m. Pastor Michael F. Johnson.

West Paris

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris—UU Rev. Joy Gasta, 9 a.m. worship (Sept.-mid-June), 674-2365.

West Paris Baptist—Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Adult Education and Sunday School 10:15 a.m., Sunday evening worship with Bible reading 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday evening choir practice at 6 followed by prayer meeting and Bible study, 7 p.m. (Third Sunday of each month, Singers' group alternating between North Paris Federation and West Paris Baptist).

West Paris Congregational Church—Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

Harrison

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church—Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison, Maine Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m. Church school 10:15a.m. for kids Kindergarten - Grade 12. Call 583-9024 or (207) 998-7040 for more information.

Sumner

East Sumner Congregational—Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

Sunday River Skiway

Sunday River Christian Ministry—Rev. Don Coverdale. On-mountain interdenominational worship service every Sunday. Special music with gospel singer Cynthia Libby April 6 at the River House at 10:30am. Last service - Easter Sunrise on April 20th at the top of Barker Mountain. Ride up/down lift #1 Barker Mountain Chairlift open at 6:30a.m.

Good Friday Service

April 18 — Good Friday service at Newry Community Church, 7p.m. April 20-Easter Sunrise service, 7a.m. at top of Paradise Road, Bethel, followed by breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at West Parish Congregational Church. Services organized by Bethel Area Clergy Association.

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.

Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club meeting at Newry Town Office.

Second Sunday: Western Maine Mountain Trail Mixers ATV Club meets at 6:30pm at Sun Valley Sports, 129 Sunday River Road, Bethel. New members welcome.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3361.

Bethel Freedom Group AA meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. ST/BB at Bethel Fire Station.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station.

Franklin Grange #124, 7:00p.m., call 674-3046 or 674-3962 for more info.

First Monday: Greenwood Planning Board meets at Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 19 Grove Tent #17, Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for place.

Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

First Tuesday: Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Western Maine Kniters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAM-CAJ) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

FACTS (Family/Friends And Consumers Together for Support) 6:30-8 p.m. at Ethel Bisbee Adult Learning Center. Contact Rhonda at 824-3076.

Greenwood selectmen meet at Town Office, 5 p.m.

Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen meet at 5 p.m. at Town Office.

Second Tuesday: Mundi-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets in the guidance conference room. Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Rebel Family Restaurant, West Bethel at 6:30pm.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Greenwood selectmen will hold their first budget meeting immediately following the selectmen's meeting.

former Marines are welcome to attend. For more information, please call (603) 237-9395 or (603) 752-3042.

Second Wednesday: Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m.

Tax collector also holds hours.

Friends of the West Paris Library, 6:30 p.m. (new members welcome) First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office

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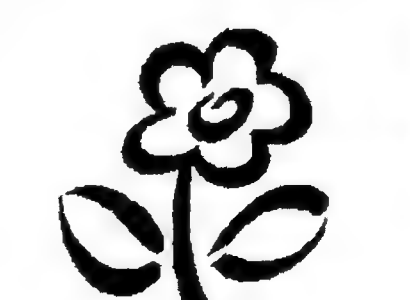
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At Dixfield Elementary members of the high school soccer team and the SWAT team (Students Working Against Tobacco) joined together to do a "Kick Butts" activity. Third- and fourth-graders collected tobacco ads and then created a banner of the ads. The ads banner was then placed over a goal cage and students took turns making goal shots at the banner. Samantha Skunk also made a presence at the event. Many fourth graders were interested in sharing with their peers the posters that they worked on for the Tar Wars program.

Tar Wars has wrapped up for this year and the classroom winners are as follows: Andover Elementary, Mr. Sabin's class — Erich Zurhorst (1st place locally); Meroby Elementary, Mrs. Coffin's class — Maria Briggs (2nd place locally); Mr. Plante's class — Jacob Pinkam; Woodstock Elementary, Mrs. Ferland — Jean Lawrence (3rd place locally); Crescent Park, Mrs. Kuzyk — Samantha Tibbetts; Taylor Maines (Honorable Mention), Mrs. Jerome — Nick Allen; Ms. Davis — Jamie Steven; Rumford Elementary, Mrs. Richard — Hillary Cayer, Ms. Miller — Cody Lee Zakakis; Dixfield Elementary, Mrs. Fuller — Brittany Wright; Mrs. Giambattista — Justin Richards; Peru Elementary, Mrs. Thurston — Brittany Dolloff; Virginia Elementary, Ms. Olsen — Ben Higley; St. John St. Athanasius, Ms. Lyones — Erin Milligan.

Project NOW stands for Northern Oxford Wellness and is one of 31 communities that are funded with tobacco settlement dollars from the Fund for a Healthy Maine, through the Partnership for a Tobacco Free Maine, Bureau of Health, Department of Human Services. This organization is based out of Rumford as part of River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition. Project NOW's purpose is to educate others on the topics of tobacco, physical fitness, and good nutrition. The surrounding areas benefiting from these grant monies are those towns in SAD21, SAD43, SAD44, and

Peru. If anyone has any questions or comments, please call RVHCC at 364-7408 M-F or e-mail at rvhcc@gwi.net.

From the Western Mountains Alliance

Western Mountains Alliance has just received word that Executive Director Deborah M. Burd, has been chosen by Leadership for a Changing World, of Washington, D.C., as a finalist for its 2003, "Leadership for a Changing World" award.

Leadership for a Changing World is a program of the Ford Foundation in partnership with the Advocacy Institute of Washington, D.C., and the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University. Each year the organization recognizes 20 leaders and leadership groups from all across the United States for their community leadership efforts in improving lives. Choosing leaders who are not widely known beyond their immediate communities, the program seeks to confirm that resourceful individuals and groups are bringing about positive change in virtually every community.

Nominated for the award by Dr. Theodora J. Kalikow, president of the University of Maine at Farmington, Deb's was one of 1,300 nominations. She is now one of 178 candidates moving to the next level of consideration. Should she be chosen as one of the 20 recipients of the award, she will receive \$100,000, over two years, to support programs of the Alliance and an additional \$30,000, to explore educational opportunities for her work.

Executive director of Western Mountains Alliance since 1994, Deb works as an advocate for Oxford, Franklin, Somerset and Piscataquis counties. With a mission to improve the quality of life by strengthening regional identity, by honoring rural values and the envi-

ronment, by supporting sustainable economic and community development and by preserving the cultural heritage and heritage industries of western Maine, the alliance gives her broad scope to exercise her greatest strength: bringing people together. By helping people identify what they want to do, by helping them to find the resources to do it, and by her continued support and encouragement to maintain focus, Deb has nurtured a dozen small, grassroots projects in the region.

The Advocacy Institute, in turn, seeks "leaders (who) are bringing people together to tackle the difficult problems facing Americans from New York City to isolated corners of the nation's heartland."

More than 50 readers from multiple disciplines across the country read Dr. Kalikow's nomination letter. The next level is a review by one of six Regional Selection Committees, "each composed of deeply experienced leaders with extensive understanding both of particular regional challenges and program areas." Final selection of this year's 20 awardees will be announced in mid-summer.

Mason McMillin Round Robin Bridge Club

Final round of matches for the Mason McMillin Bridge Club 2002-03 was held on Sunday, April 13, at the Town and Country Motor Inn in Gorham, N.H., with the traditional banquet dinner following. Prizes were awarded to the top ten scorers for the season. Dick Penley finished first, Doris Peterson second, Rich Grover was third, Frank Gibson fourth, Chris Otten was fifth, Alan Bradford finished sixth, Wilder Kimball seventh, Les Otten was eighth, Dan Grover ninth, and Dutch Dresser finished tenth. Top score for both individual match of the season and for the final round of matches was won by Joanna Drummond.

The Mason McMillin Bridge Club will resume play for the 2003-

04 season in September. New members are very welcome. Teams of two play each of the other teams approximately every other week before September and April. Please contact Rich and Mona Grover at 836-2802 if you are interested in becoming a member.

From the Appalachian Mountain Club

An outdoor workshop titled, "Getting to Know: The Coyote-Ecology, Habitat and the Uncertain Future of Coyotes with Wolves at the Door," will be offered by the Appalachian Mountain Club at the Pinkham Notch Visitor Center in the White Mountain National Forest on Friday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The program is open to all, AMC members and nonmembers alike. The day will begin with a discussion and slide presentation on the eastern coyote, covering its ecology and its relationship with other predators, livestock and humans. The afternoon will be spent in the field. Participants will explore varied habitat, look for signs of the coyote and discuss management options, which are of particular interest as wolves begin a natural recovery from Canada into New England. Aspects of reintroduction vs. natural recovery will be covered and predator policy in the Northeast will be reviewed. Christine L. Schadler of the Department of Natural Resources at the University of New Hampshire is the instructor. This workshop is the first of four in the "Getting to Know" series.

For more information, or to register for this workshop, contact the AMC at (603) 466-2721, or visit the Web at www.outdoors.org.

Founded in 1876, the Appalachian Mountain Club is the oldest conservation and recreation organization in the United States. With more than 90,000 members in the Northeast and beyond, the non-profit AMC promotes the protection, enjoyments and wise use of the mountains, rivers and trails of

the Northeast. The AMC supports natural resource conservation while encouraging responsible recreation, based on the philosophy that successful, long-term conservation depends upon firsthand enjoyment of the natural environment.

From the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

This month marks the centenary of the purchase of the 1821 O'Neil Robinson House by William O. and Agnes Straw. They were the last owners to live there before its sale to the Bethel Inn in 1923 for \$10,000.

The Straws purchased the property for \$5,000. At the time, this was considered the most expensive property in Bethel.

Agnes Hastings Straw (1837-1923) was the granddaughter of Amos Hastings, a veteran of the American Revolution and a founder of the town (the first Town Meeting was held in his barn at Middle Intervale).

She obtained her education from local schools and Gould Academy. She later taught music and art in the Colebrook, N.H., schools. In 1862, she married her first cousin, William O. Straw (1841-1909).

Will Straw was born in Guilford, attended local schools and graduated from Foxcroft Academy. After receiving his education, he was engaged in farming and stock growing. Later, he accepted a job as chairman with his brother-in-law and first cousin, Daniel Hastings (1840-1925) in 1881. Daniel Hastings was a civil engineer and the chief supervisor for the Northern Pacific Railroad line between Odanah, Wis., and Duluth, Minn. In 1883-84, Daniel and Will were assigned to survey a railway line across Montana Territory from Billings to Fort Benton. It was during that time that they decided to obtain land in the Judith Basin in Montana. Each acquired a ranch of

about 4,000 acres. The Straws raised hay and grains as well as horses and cattle and later sheep. Agnes Straw had her own band of Dorset sheep that she cared for. As a result of his settlement here, Straw, Mont., was named for Will Straw, but does not exist today.

After making a fortune in Montana and investing it well, this prosperous couple decided to return to Agnes' hometown. They were very civic minded and generous with their means, contributing to the Bethel Library, the Congregational Church, and Gould Academy. Will Straw died in 1909, but his widow continued on as a lady of broad interests and talents. She summered at Islesboro on the Maine coast and spent winters in Florida. A skilled artist, musician, and seamstress, she was a woman of distinct culture and refinement.

Following her death in 1923, her heir, William S. Hastings, sold the property to the Bethel Inn, which used the building for guest housing until selling the premises to Bethel Historical Society in 1998.

More than a thousand members strong, the Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency, dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the regional past for present and future generations. For over thirty-five years, the society's activities have included lectures, exhibits, special events, heritage festivals, workshops, conferences, school and educational programs, and publications. Since 1974, the society has operated from its Broad Street headquarters, the Dr. Moses Mason House, a period house museum and research library. In 1999, it opened the O'Neil Robinson House (next door) to the public for an expanded exhibit program, museum shop space, and administrative offices. Through the years, the society's achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.

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- * A revised land use ordinance in response to comments received in previous forums
- * Proposed performance standards for the Site Plan Review Ordinance

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TOWN OF BETHEL REQUEST FOR BIDS IMPROVEMENTS TO AMBULANCE BARN

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Construction to commence in the summer of 2003 with substantial completion of project within 6 months of commencement. Bid packets may be acquired at the Bethel Town Office. Phone number is (207) 824-2669.

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Deadline for submission of sealed bids to the Bethel town office at 19 Main Street, P.O. Box 1660, Bethel, ME 04217 is **4 PM on Thursday, May 15, 2003**. Bids will be opened and available for public inspection at that time. The Board of Selectmen will review bid results at its next regularly scheduled meeting after bid opening, consider bids, and take whatever action deemed to be in the town's interest. In the event a bid is selected, the town shall issue a quitclaim deed upon receipt of the bid amount in cash or certified check. Sale must be complete within 30 days of acceptance.

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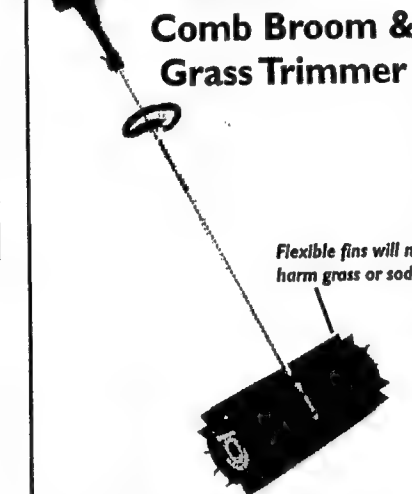
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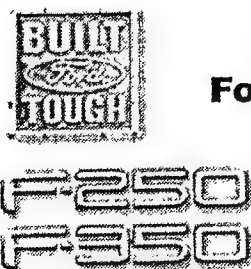
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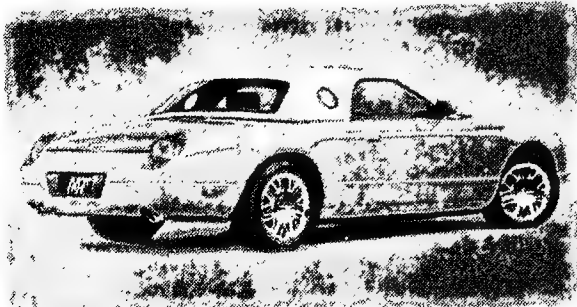
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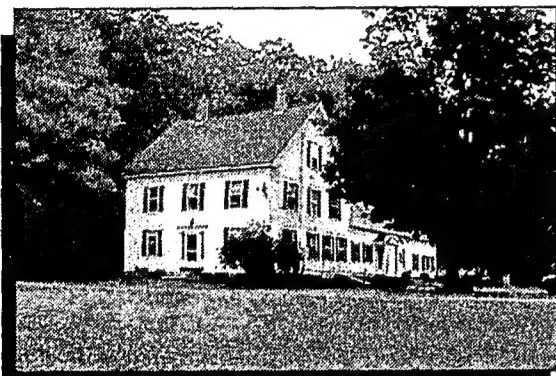


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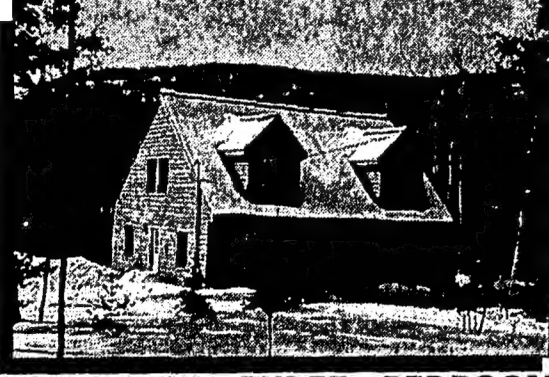
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SUNSET FARM: This prominent Bethel landmark, built in 1826, has been lovingly restored and enhanced with two modern additions. Situated on 18+/- scenic acres with a farm pond, Androscoggin River frontage and unsurpassed views. A well designed floor plan featuring 6 fireplaces, 4+ bedrooms, offices, formal dining and living rooms, den, family room. Two car garage, 10 stall barn. \$795,000



GREAT LOCATION CLOSE TO SKI RESORT: Three bedroom fully furnished home located within 1 mile of Sunday River Ski Resort with great views of White Heat. This immaculate home, low maintenance home has been well maintained and heats very easily. Great for a primary or vacation home. \$134,900



ANTIQUE NEW ENGLAND STYLE CAPE: This charming old home with an attached ell and barn boasts 6 bedrooms and 4 baths located close to the Village. Formal dining room, new kitchen, fenced in back yard, lovely mountain views and a deck with a hot tub! \$189,000



CARRIAGE HOUSE CONDOMINIUM: Restored historic carriage house condominium which was Architecturally designed with an eye for detail. Conveniently located on a nice neighborhood street within walking distance to town and the Bethel Inn & Country Club. Desirable end unit with 1 bedroom plus sleeping loft & 1 1/2 baths. Unit #4 - \$84,900



AFFORDABLE SKI HOUSE: This ski house is the perfect size for a large group of skiers or snowmobilers with a living room upstairs and downstairs, three bedrooms, large kitchen, woodstove and amazing views. This house is priced right for a family or a group of friends looking to buy a second home get-away. \$97,500



RARE SONGO POND WATERFRONT: Charming, old fashioned rustic log cabin and separate sleeping cabin with approximately 450' of shore frontage across the road, 2+/- acre lot, soil tested. Don't hesitate on this rare offering! \$117,000



VINTAGE NEW ENGLANDER: This 3 bedroom, 1 bath home is located in the Village of Hanover on a nice residential street. CHARMING COUNTRY SETTING WITH A NEW SUNROOM AND PATIO. Affordably priced @ \$69,000



GREAT STARTER HOME OR SKI HOUSE: 3 bedroom home with a spacious, bright kitchen/dining area situated on a 2.7+/- acre lot in Hanover. 2 storage buildings. Affordably priced @ \$65,000



CHALET STYLE HOME: Located on an oversized 5+/- private lot in Sunny Hills subdivision in Newry, breathtaking views of Sunday River ski slopes, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths log sided brand new construction. Granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, cathedral ceiling and an oversized deck and open floor plan. Daylight basement. \$329,000

LAND LISTINGS

Wilson's Ripples Subdivision - Premier subdivision with choice lots all having access to the Androscoggin River. Starting at \$40,000
Powder Ridge: Spectacular views of Sunday River. Lot 85 - \$69,900
Pine Bluff Subdivision - Inviting subdivision located at Pine Bluff. Nicely wooded, mountain views, privacy. 3+ acre lots available starting at \$6,500
Mystic Moose Subdivision, Greenwood - 1.0+/- Acre lot privately situated, yet only about 2 miles from the Village. \$17,000
A wonderful opportunity! 10.3+/- acres located enroute to Sunday River Ski Resort in an area of other commercial properties! \$149,000
Androscoggin River frontage, Bethel - 5.2+/- acre lot with approximately 800' on the Androscoggin River. Potential to divide. \$89,000

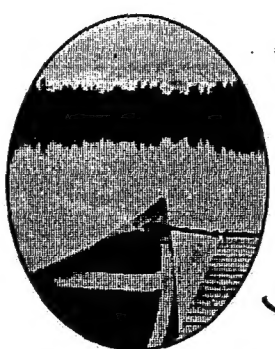
RED HOUSE FARM VILLAGE

Homesteads Now Available! A unique condominium opportunity at the base of Maine's famous Sunday River Ski Resort. 23 home-sites, each with Beautiful Mountain Views. Price includes septic, well, and power. Amenities include cross-country ski trails, ice-skating pond, trolley service to Sunday River and a community pond. Don't hesitate! Only 5 sites remaining in Phase I Starting at \$49,900

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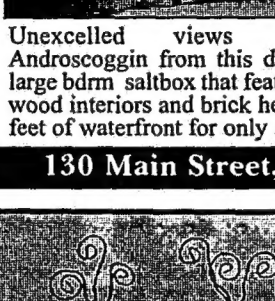
Gracious New England 4 bedroom farmhouse with fantastic barn features frontage on the Bear River!! Yours for only \$129,000



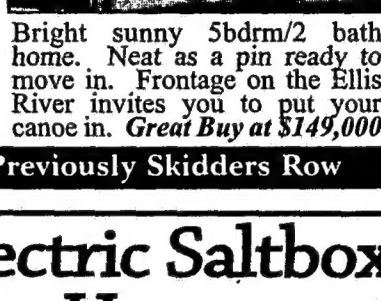
Wonderful 4 bedroom New England farmhouse only steps to Lake Christopher, features original tin ceilings. Offered at \$100,000



Explore the pristine Andover Surplus on the West Branch of the Ellis River from this incredible 30 acres parcel with frontage on the Ellis and snowmobile trails in place! Offered at \$9,000



Unexcelled views of the Androscoggin from this delightful 2 large bdrm saltbox that features warm wood interiors and brick hearth. 1400 feet of waterfront for only \$189,000



Bright sunny 5bdrm/2 bath home. Neat as a pin ready to move in. Frontage on the Ellis River invites you to put your canoe in. Great Buy at \$149,000

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Examples of units currently available to purchase include:

Sleep 2, Studios:	\$14,000 to \$25,000
(2 Handicap Units Available)	
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Sleep 4, 1 Bdrm:	\$29,000 to \$30,000
Sleep 6, 1 Bdrm:	\$33,000 to \$39,900
(Dormer Units Available)	
Sleep 6, Lockout:	\$32,000 to \$44,900
Sleep 8, Lockout:	\$38,000 to \$45,900
Sleep 10, 2 Bdrm:	\$63,900 to \$69,900
Sleep 10, Penthouse:	\$63,900 to \$69,900

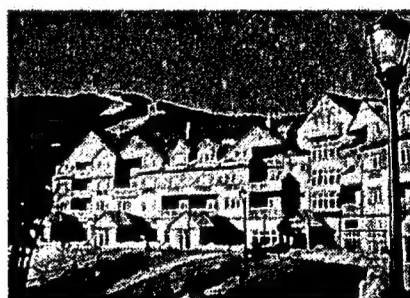


CONDOMINIUMS
Sunday River offers over 700 condominiums spread across the resort, all slopeside. Sizes range from studio units to four bedroom, four bathroom townhouses. All properties include full kitchens, owner lockers, access to saunas, hot tubs, indoor or outdoor pools, restaurants as well as a host of other amenities including slopeside parking.

FEATURE OF THE WEEK

LOCKE MOUNTAIN TOWNHOMES

This is a rare find in Sunday River's most desirable location. Ski onto the Wildfire Trail from the back door of this exquisite townhome. Custom tile work, hardwood floors, four bedrooms, three and one half baths, open floor plan with living, dining, kitchen and den area. A polished granite fireplace surrounded by panoramic views of the mountains in Riley Township complete the picture. Additional features include a family room, laundry, deck and plenty of storage. Perfect of entertaining or as a quiet and discreet get-away. A must for the most discriminating of buyers. Call for further details.



JORDAN GRAND RESORT HOTEL
Tucked away in the Western Mountains of Maine and set in a spectacular ski-in/ski-out location, the Jordan Grand Resort Hotel is a premier address at Sunday River that brings back the feeling of a time gone by. Amenities are plentiful and genuine friendliness is a given. Spectacular panoramic views of the Sunday River Valley and Riley Township mountains surround this magnificent property. This Resort of International Distinction (as rated by RCI) has all the amenities one would expect to find at a first class property, along with the additional privileges that Interval ownership at any of the American Skiing Company's Grand Resort Hotel properties affords.

Examples of ownership opportunities include the following:

Sleep 6, 1 Bdrm:	\$69,000 to \$89,000
(With Loft)	
Sleep 6, Lockout:	\$40,000 to \$55,700
(Dormer Units Available)	
Sleep 8, Lockout:	\$57,800 to \$64,900
Sleep 8, Lockout:	\$54,900 to \$68,500
(With Deck)	
Sleep 12, Triple Lockout:	\$119,000
Sleep 8, 2 Bdrm:	\$94,900 to \$169,500
Sleep 8, Lockout:	\$38,000 to \$45,900
Sleep 10, Penthouse:	\$175,000
Sleep 10, 3 Bdrm:	\$190,000

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Immaculate, renovated in Mt. Abrams Village. Come see this charming 2 bdrm, 1 bath home with woodstove, deck, lovely landscaped yard and views of Mt. Abrams. Pine interior, tile floors, skylight. This adorable home would make a superb four season vacation home. \$87,000

Beautiful North Pond property with so much to offer: owned water frontage and exceptional views of this perfect Maine pond. The 1.3 +/- acre property has an existing, year round, 2 bdrm home with one bath, garage, and a new well and septic system. \$139,900

Rustic New England farmhouse with attached barn on 40+/- beautiful acres Mountain and valley views from the kitchen/dining area windows. Pleasant River frontage. This home would make a lovely family home with some renovations. The property may also be used for commercial ventures such as a campground or an outdoor adventure site. Come walk the land and get a sense of all that this property has to offer. \$189,900

Fantastic location for a rental property, commercial venture, or family home. Just seconds from the high school, village, and recreational areas. Currently a 2-unit farmhouse on 3 acres of fields. Come investigate the possibilities. \$180,000

Wonderful New Englander in a convenient location, close to everything the Bethel area has to offer. Walk to town. Large yard well-landscaped for privacy, cozy kitchen, 4 bdrms, 1 1/2 baths. Barn and workshop. Currently a one-family home, yet the layout has the potential for a 2-unit dwelling or a commercial venture. \$165,000

Affordable riverfront building lot in a new subdivision in West Bethel Village with 135 +/- feet of frontage on the Androscoggin River. A rare find. \$27,000
Johnson Park - Two 1/2 +/- acre parcels for sale in this quiet Bethel neighborhood. \$9,900 each.
Two lovely land parcels in quiet, private neighborhood with town water. \$12,900 each
Barker Road, Bethel, 5.67+/- acres of privacy and convenience in this growing neighborhood. \$39,900.
West Bethel Road, Bethel, 8+/- acre building lot near Bethel Village, but set off the road for privacy. \$39,900

Superb opportunity in this highly visible Rt. 2 location just outside of Bethel village. Formerly an antique shop, this property could serve as a private home or be a prime spot for a commercial venture. The large, old farmhouse has maintained much of its charm with many well-preserved details in the woodwork, floors and built-ins. The rooms are all bright and spacious. The attached barn has many possibilities. \$99,000

This building offers many possibilities. Gorgeous stained glass windows and period woodwork on doors and windows. Newer roof and recently painted exterior. For more information and ideas, please give us a call. \$225,000.

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Intervale Rd, Bethel: Beautiful New England farmhouse in excellent condition, complete with screened porch. Four bedrooms, lots of sunny windows and a great location close to town. Two garages, one oversized and heated with commercial possibilities. Don't wait to ask for a showing. \$199,000

Lake Christopher, Bryant Pond: Spectacular waterfront property in the heart of Maine's western mountains & only 15 mi. from Sunday River Ski Resort. Custom-built with 3+BRs, 3 1/2 baths, great room with double-sided fireplace, gourmet kitchen with pantry, master suite with spa room, Jacuzzi, large garage, screened porch and decks overlooking 200' of lake frontage. Tastefully landscaped & appropriately offered at \$567,000

Helikinen Road, Woodstock: Charming abounds in this mid-nineteenth century colonial that retains much of its original style. Antique wood floors and ceilings, clawfoot tub and period fixtures, transport to another era. You must ask for a showing to see everything this house has to offer. \$134,000

Worthley Pond, Peru: This little waterfront camp is just what you've been waiting for to make your lakeside dreams come true! Situated on picturesque Worthley Pond, moor your boat just steps from the deck. Comes with a permit for expansion and a garage! Make your plans now for summer. \$79,900

Mt. Abram Skiway, Greenwood: This modified gambrel has a style of its own. Located in Mt. Abram Village, it's also close to Bethel's local amenities and Sunday River. Spacious living areas with 3BRs, 1+1/2 baths upstairs plus a separate unit in lower level with 1/2 bath which offers rental possibilities. With slope views, a great buy at \$119,000

Johnson Park, Bethel: Never home features bright sunny exposures all day, hardwood floors with open kitchen, dining & living room concept, oversized office & 3 nice BRs. With its large garage it sits on a double lot on a dead-end road in a lovely country setting. Studio possibilities over garage. \$154,900

North Main Street, Woodstock: Ideal ski home! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath salt-box offers impressive views of Lake Christopher and is located on direct route to Mt. Abram and Sunday River Skiway. Propane furnace, fireplace and hot water, full walk out daylight basement, and easy to maintain. \$87,000

House Lots & Land
RTE 232, WOODSTOCK: This 52 acre parcel has both rolling and level areas, is nicely wooded and sits in a great location, on the way to Western Maine recreational areas. It has 500+/- feet of road frontage and awaits your plans. Come and take a look and you'll see the possibilities. \$49,900.
GREENWOOD RD, GREENWOOD: This is a rare offering: a lot with a 200 foot strip of frontage on Twitchell Pond, perfect for a boat dock! Across the road is the main part of the 8 acres, with a perfect spot to build a house. Private location with a driveway leading the way. Don't miss this opportunity. \$39,900.

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN, WOODSTOCK: Just how adventuresome are you? This 75.5+/- acre property is sitting atop Spruce Mtn. with magnificent views of Shag Pond, open ridges, stream and reasonable 4-wheel access. If you like camping, hiking, ATVing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling or mountain biking, then this piece of land is for you! Just reduced to \$33,000

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New Listing - North Pond, Norway: This charming 3,000 sq. ft. home, formerly a simple cabin in the woodlands of western Maine, was redesigned by Maryland architect Mark McInturf of McInturf Architects to maximize the lovely views of the pond and the active wildlife surrounding it. Based on an Adirondack camp-style home, this tranquil lakeside retreat highlights natural materials of maple and fir throughout. The thoughtful floorplan comprises a living room/dining area featuring columns of local maple tree trunks, and a kitchen. Both rooms look to the pond. A Loft/Library and a Master Suite are found on the second level. A screened Porch also looks to the pond, providing lovely views. \$555,000

New Listing: Lake Christopher: A Delightful Country Cape, constructed in 1997, only 25' from Lake Christopher's pristine shores. Offering over 500' of prime waterfrontage on 1+/- acre with dazzling westerly exposure, you'll enjoy a small sandy beach area and protected coast with gradual entry to the lake. A spacious wraparound deck serves as a scenic summer-time living space and accesses an impressive open living concept interior. Offering a handsome Living Room, modern kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths inclusive of a private Master Suite & full daylight basement for expansion possibilities, you're sure to be impressed with the quality and details displayed. What A Wonderful Year Round Retreat To Call Home! \$439,900

Lake Christopher: A Year Old "Lincoln Logs" Waterfront Home In Brand New Condition! It is meticulous in design and construction offering three spacious living levels which focus on 100+/- of prime westerly lake frontage. A dramatically high V-match pine ceiling, rich log walls with natural finish, an assorted array of massive picture windows, maple flooring, Hickory Kitchen cabinets and woodstove comprise its striking Great Room. Patio doors lead to an oversized sunny deck area with ample yard offset by scenic mountain and water views. Three Bedrooms, 1 3/4 Baths, Upper Level Loft Area and spacious unfinished, daylight lower level await your customization. A Pristine Offering On A Very Coveted Parcel...Don't Hesitate \$359,000

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Barker Brook #14 - Neighboring Sunday River Ski Resort in a scenic, private setting, these elegant townhomes offer approximately 1,400 square feet of living space. A total of seven spectacular dwellings, each offering a vaulted Great Room with cozy wood burning fireplace and sliding glass doors, 2 bedrooms PLUS loft, 2 baths, washer/dryer and garage. A truly charming community nestled in the woods and affordably priced. \$159,000

New Listing - Andover: Inquire about our New Listing in Andover. It is spectacular! In New Condition, this exquisite 1993 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath Year-Round Home exemplifies Country Living At Its Finest! Offered on 10.6+/- magnificent, private acres replete with rolling rock walls, colorful perennials, and gently sloping terrain, the panoramic views of a multitude of mountain ranges will soothe your soul! This residence, nestled in a One-of-a-Kind Find - Don't Miss Out! \$249,000

New Listing - Sunday River Road: The Eye-Catching Log Home you've Always Dreamed is Now Being Offered For Sale! Situated on the Sunday River Rd., its rich natural beauty & so exceptional condition, professionally and professionally landscaped, GR. constructed of V-match pine, w/ hardwood floors & sky high, offset by rugged log exterior walls. A Franklin in woodstove, 2 full BRs, a high upper Mt. Loft & an unfinished lower Mt. basement/Garage offers expansion possibilities. Conveyed in absolutely prime condition, the result of yrs of attentive ownership. Come to enjoy & welcome! The Ideal Home In The Country Awaits! \$225,000

How about a 4th floor, front of this building? It sports glorious ski trail and surrounding mountain vista views and basks in southern exposure. Newly carpeted, new furniture, large fireplace, use of outdoor heated pool, 2nd floor, sauna, rec rooms with fireplace. Originally sold over \$100,000, now only \$94,900

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Price Reduced - SR Village: A 1997 Contemporary yrnd home w/porch to ski trails is now available for sale in sought-after SR Village! Exceptional quality, detail and updates is exemplified throughout this 1 1/2-level open flr pin. A stone fireplace is a focal point of it is GR displaying high ceilings w/massive windows crowned w/white top glass. Hard pine flrs span the Living and Dining Area leading to a well designed kitchen. An array of windows and glass sliders combined with a deck and lawn porch allow the scenic Mt and trail backdrop to be enjoyed from within. 5 BRs, 2 1/2 Baths, \$699,000

New Listing: Bear River Rd: This turn of the last century's Victorian is drenched in charm. Sit'd in an elegant setting w/mf vistas almost every direction. Replete with its own babbling brook, the 26 acre parcel upon which this house sits is divine! A spacious warm & inviting kit, parlor, DR, FR w/fireplace & lg wrap around deck - in all 12 rooms large enough for a crowd but cozy enough for two. \$449,000

New Listing - Bethel: Circa 1700, This Eye Catching Historic Saltbox on 3 1/4+/- rural rolling acres is now offered in exceptional condition. Professionally and professionally landscaped, the rich architectural charm of its original footprint is preserved yet only improved by its open and bright interior. A new kitchen, hardwood floors, new appliances and sunny slides overlooking Taylor Brook lead to a handsome Dining Area and neutrally carpeted Living Room. 2-3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, workshop and utility room. This stylish home is offered in pristine, Move-In Condition. \$198,000

Sunday River Village, Newry: 4-story Quality Post & Beam Home sit'd in the most coveted of Villages at SR Ski Resort, offers ever-close to fab ski trails & amenities in a well sited, present-setting setting on a 1+/- acre. You'll marvel at its open flr pi showcasing impressive p&b work, inventive window treatments, parquet lg & professional craftsmanlike. Showcasing a stunning GR w/dramatic DR, 2nd story balcony, 5 BRs, lg upper Mt Loft Area, 3 Baths, Game Room, Hot Tub, Sauna, Deck, Porch, Hooks & Cannies. The Ultimate in Accommodations Awaits! \$389,000

Bethel: Entrepreneurs Take Note... The commercial possibilities are limitless! Adjacent to Bethel Station, this 4 BR Village home presents an interior in meticulous "clean-as-a-whistle" condition with spiral staircase in front foyer, sep. BR apartment, 2-car garage, considerable front yard and prime visibility for your commercial aspirations. \$169,000

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Obituaries



SHIRLEY SEAMES

Shirley Ann Morgan Seames passed away Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at her home in Greenwood after a long and courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by family and very much at peace.

She was born Feb. 26, 1948, in Norway, to Edgar H. and Julia (Briggs) Morgan. On Sept. 7, 1968, she married her best friend and high school sweetheart, Raymond W. Seames. She graduated from Woodstock High School in 1966, where she was noted for her participation in extracurricular activities, including athletics. Shirley attended the University of Maine at Gorham before earning her bachelor's degree in Education from the

University of Maine at Farmington in 1974, then her master's degree as a Literary Specialist from the University of Southern Maine. She played basketball at the University of Maine at Gorham.

Shirley dedicated her life to the education of children, teaching in Bethel, Locke Mills, Woodstock, Norway, and Harrison elementary schools.

During her 27 years of teaching she had the opportunity to mold and guide many children with her wit, charm, and compassion. Many former students continued to contact her long after leaving her classroom. She was a close friend and mentor to her fellow teachers and continued to foster those relationships after her retirement in 2001.

She was a member of the National Educators' Association, Maine Educators' Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, and a charter member of the Greenwood Fire Department Auxiliary. She coached and was a strong advocate for youth sports as well as serving 13 years on the Greenwood Recreation Board.

Her first love was her family and a commitment to family values. She loved family gatherings, and enjoyed camping with family, especially at her favorite campground in Freeport and on the beach at Twitchell Pond.

Competitive games of Scrabble and cards, along with many summer meals on the porch provided

countless hours of family enjoyment.

Shirley's passion for life, education and fun were an inspiration to all who had the pleasure of meeting and knowing her. She displayed boundless enthusiasm for her trips with the "cousins," Tuesday morning breakfasts with colleagues, trips to Foxwoods, and the many individual sessions with her special friends.

She is survived by her husband of Greenwood; three daughters, Lynn Cobb and her husband James of Mannheim, Germany, Laura Lariviere and her husband Art of Lewiston; and Sarah Seames of Lewiston; two grandchildren, Elise and James Cobb of Mannheim, Germany; three sisters, Gloria Robinson and her husband Royce of Groton, Conn., Carla Martin and her husband Clark of Greenwood, and Marcia Monk and her husband Percy of Bryant Pond; two brothers, Charles Johnson and his wife Wanda of Greenwood, and Gerald Johnson and his wife Virginia of Bryant Pond. Also surviving is her mother-in-law, Florence Seames, with whom she enjoyed a special relationship.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 13, at the Jackson-Silver Post 68 American Legion, Locke Mills. Burial will be in the Hicks Cemetery, Greenwood, at a later date. Donations may be made in her name to: The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Maine

Affiliate, PO Box 3283, Brewer, ME 04412-3283.



JERRY GREENWELL

Jerry A. Greenwell Jr., 23, a resident of Portland, died Monday, April 14, 2003 at the Maine Medical Center in Portland, following a brief illness.

Jerry was born in Brunswick, on Nov. 1, 1979, attended schools in Brunswick and graduated from Telstar High School in Bethel with the Class of 1997. He received his Culinary Arts Degree from Southern Maine Technical College in 1999.

During Jerry's sophomore year at Telstar he was selected to participate in Bethel's first Rotary Club Student Exchange program where he resided in Germany and at-

tended school for a year. He also attended Dirigo Boys State sponsored by the American Legion. At the time of his death, Jerry was the Restaurant Supervisor at the Marriott Hotel in South Portland. Jerry was loved and respected by all that knew him.

He is survived by his parents, Shirley Valore of Brunswick, Jerry A. and Jeri B. Greenwell of Bethel; a grandmother, Lorraine Valore; a sister, Michele and husband Jesse and their daughter Danielle; two brothers, Robert and Matthew; soul mate Lindsay; aunts, uncles, and cousins residing in states from Maine to Texas.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 17 at 11 a.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel, with the Rev. Daniel Johnson officiating. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery, Bethel. In lieu of flowers and gifts, donations may be sent to the Barbara Bush Foundation, c/o Maine Medical Center, 22 Bramhall Street, Portland, ME 04102 in Jerry's memory. Online condolences and memories may be shared at meaderfh@gwi.net

MILDRED B. CUSHING
Mildred B. Cushing, 92, of Farmington, died April 15, 2003 at Pine-wood Terrace.

She was born Oct. 7, 1910, in Gilead, the daughter of William C. and Nellie (Kendall) Bennett. She was educated in the schools of

West Bethel. She married Gerald Cushing in August of 1929 in Lewiston. He died in February of 1989.

She served as a volunteer at Franklin Memorial Hospital Gift Shop for many years. She was also a Girl Scout leader for many years. She was a housewife for most of her life living in Wilton since 1953.

She was a member of the Agricultural Extension of Wilton, the National Sunshine Society, and the Franklin Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, crocheting, knitting, sewing, gardening, reading, and especially spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Cushing and wife Irene of Farmington, and Rick Cushing and wife Gloria of East Wilton; a sister, Phyllis Thayer of Danielson, Conn.; a brother, Shurwin Bennett of Mission Hills, Calif.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years; a son, Ronald lost in the Korean War; three sisters, Gladys Cross, Ethel Vashaw, and Ruby Largey; and two brothers, Almond and Raymond Bennett.

A graveside service will be held later in the spring at Pine Grove Cemetery in Bethel with the Rev. D. Hupp officiating. Donations may be made in her memory to the Franklin Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, 111 Franklin Health Commons, Farmington, ME 04938.

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Sandra & Dick Morgan
Alan Curt Dunham

Come to the Root Cellar and wish Heidi well. She is leaving Bethel after 16 years of making friends and enjoying her clients. She will miss you all.

Mitch Thomas
Singer, Songwriter, Pianist and Storyteller will be at the Methodist Church Sunday, April 27 at 6pm

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Thank You
Sending a big thank you to my aunts, uncles, cousins, and all my friends for their presence and presents and for making my 14th birthday absolutely great.
Max Meader (& Mom)

JOINT SERVICE
There will be a joint service for Locke Mills Union Church and Rumford Point on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at Rumford Point Congregational church at 6 p.m., Potluck supper, sader, communion and service.

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April 18, 2003
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Tickets \$8 in advance ~ \$10 at door
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